

Supporting research to help plan for an ageing population across the island of Ireland.

Our e-bulletin provides up-to-date information on ageing research including seminars, funding opportunities, latest research and innovation. More detailed information is available on our website. www.cardi.ie

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September 2009**CARDI Latest Updates****The CARDI Grants Programme - Call 2 deadline approaching**

The closing date for Call 2 is 2 October, 2009. More information about the terms of reference and application forms can be accessed on www.cardi.ie/grantprogramme

CARDI Grants Programme Briefing Sessions

The next briefing will take place at University of Ulster, Magee Campus, room MD013 on the 21 September at 11pm. If you would like a briefing meeting on your campus or for your organisation please email info@cardi.ie or ring our Belfast office: 0044 28 9069 0066.

SPARC/CAP International Research Conference on Policy and Ageing

As part of the above conference on 16 – 17 September, 2009 at Queen's University Belfast, CARDI is hosting a networking event on the evening of the 16th which will include guest speaker Bob Collins, Chief Commissioner of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland. Go to www.qub.ac.uk/sites/planningtogether for further detailed information.

Older people's engagement in research

At the recent Living Knowledge Conference in Belfast CARDI coordinated a seminar with emerging researchers on ageing and how to engage older people in research. You can see the presentations by Dr Martha Doyle, Social Policy and Ageing Research Centre, TCD; Dr Michael Quinn, Queen's University Belfast; and Liesbeth De Donder, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, at www.cardi.ie/news/olderpeople%E2%80%99sengagementinresearch

CARDI highlights the need for pensioners' income data

The Minister for Social Development in Northern Ireland is consulting on a proposal to stop the annual publication of the Pensioners Income Series Northern Ireland. CARDI has submitted a request to the Minister to continue publishing this annual series. For a copy of our paper go to: www.cardi.ie/publications/pensionincome The deadline for public submissions to the Minister is the 2 November 2009. www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/consultations/consultation-pensioners-incomes-series.htm

Latest CARDI publications include:

- *Public Transport and Older People in Ireland, North and South*

This publication looks at the current policy developments at an all Ireland and international level.

- *What is Interdisciplinary?*

This article looks at the definition of and reasons for interdisciplinary research.

Forthcoming CARDI publications include:

- *Illustrating Ageing in Ireland – Key facts and figures*

All publications are available at: www.cardi.ie

CARDI on Twitter

Keep up to date with the latest news on ageing research by signing up to CARDI on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/CARDItweets>.

Ageing Research Updates

Quality of care in for-profit and not-for-profit nursing homes

This systematic review and meta-analysis of research results suggests on average not-for-profit nursing homes deliver higher quality care than for-profit nursing homes.

www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/339/aug04_2/b2732

Research on expenditure of older households

This report published by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) looks at trends in pensioner's expenditure patterns between 1995 and 2007. It looks at data from the Family Expenditure Survey and the Expenditure and Food Survey, an annual, cross-sectional study of the spending patterns of 6,000–7,000 households in the UK.

www.ifs.org.uk/comms/comm111.pdf

What determines older people's employment status?

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) recently commissioned a nationwide survey to determine the employment status of people 45 years or older. The survey examined people that had lost jobs or sought new employment over the last 12 months.

http://assets.aarp.org/rgcenter/econ/bulletin_jobs_09.pdf

Being Old in Ireland: A Fit State?

This study by the School of Public Health and Population Science, UCD profiles the health of older people in the South East of Ireland. It describes in detail the levels of disability and patterns of both formal and informal service use. It aims to inform the planning and provision of health services at local level. www.cardi.ie/userfiles/opservices.pdf

University of Ulster research links sunscreen and Alzheimer's disease

Scientists at the University of Ulster are investigating a link between some man-made nanoparticles, such as those found in sunscreens, and Alzheimer's disease. For further information go to: <http://news.ulster.ac.uk/releases/2009/4573.html>

Ageing Policy Updates

Consultation on the National Positive Ageing Strategy

The deadline for submission on the National Positive Ageing Strategy is Thursday, 24 September 2009. www.dohc.ie/consultations/open/positiveageing

Expatriate UK pensioners take test case to the European Courts

The International Consortium of British Pensioners (ICBP) has brought a test case to the European Courts to challenge the United Kingdom's refusal to uprate in line with inflation the state pensions of over 50 per cent of UK pensioners resident overseas in non-EU counties. www.maturetimes.co.uk/node/7006

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's (JRF) response to UK proposal for an equal treatment directive

JRF's response to the UK consultation on the European Commission proposal for an equal treatment directive looks at what different treatment on grounds of age is justifiable in the provision of services generally and financial services. www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/response-EU-directive-july09.pdf

Research and Policy Publications

Protecting Older Adults: Interweaving Responses to Elder Abuse

On June 26, 2009 Age Action and the Social Policy and Ageing Research Centre, Trinity College, Dublin coordinated a conference to discuss the responsibility of society to tackle the issue of elder abuse. The presentations are available at: www.sparc.tcd.ie/newsAndEvents/AgeActionConf26June.php

New journal on ageing population

A new journal called *The Journal of Population Ageing*, edited by Professor Sarah Harper and Dr George Leeson, Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK, is now available. www.springer.com/social+sciences/population+studies/journal/12062

A report on the 19th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Le Palais Des Congrès, Paris, France: 5– 9 July, 2009

Dr Maria Zubair from the University of Reading shares her report on the conference www.britishgerontology.org/09newsletter3/news_reviews7.asp.

Events and Seminars

Age Awareness Week 2009, Northern Ireland

This year Age Awareness Week falls between the 28 September - 3 October, 2009 and includes the International Day for Older People on 1 October. The week will include a recognition and celebration of the multiple identities of older people.

www.ageawarenessweek.com/index.php

Positive Ageing Week 2009, Republic of Ireland

Positive Ageing Week takes place from 25 September - 3 October. This festival highlights the positive aspects of ageing and celebrates the contribution older people have made, and continue to make, to their communities. All information is available at:

www.ageaction.ie/positive-ageing-week.htm

Age Action Ireland National Conference

This event takes place on 28 September at the Croke Park Conference Centre. The theme is older people and technology and includes the Silver Surfers Awards 2009. For further info: www.ageaction.ie

The Equality Authority: Mainstreaming Equality Conference

The Equality Authority fifth annual conference on 'Mainstreaming Equality - Promoting Equality and Accommodating Diversity in Further Education, Training and Labour Market Programmes'. This year the conference theme is "Equality in a time of Change, why it still matters". It takes place on 10 November, 2009 at Dublin Castle.

Further information available by emailing: cjones@equality.ie

Alzheimer's Awareness Week and World Alzheimer's Day,

On 21 September people with dementia, carers and Alzheimer organisations from more than 77 countries join forces to speak out about the challenge of dementia to individuals, families and societies. For details on World Alzheimer's Day events contact the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland on (01) 207 3800 or e-mail info@alzheimer.ie

Carers Northern Ireland Conference 2009

Carers Northern Ireland will be holding its annual conference on 6 October at the Craigavon Civic Centre. Speakers include Monica McWilliams, Chief Commissioner of the NI Human Rights Commission. The afternoon will feature a 'Carers Summit' question time with a panel of local politicians. www.carersni.org/Aboutus/CaringUnderPressure-CarersNorthernIrelandConference2009

Dementia Services Development Centre's 3rd International Conference

This is a two-day International Conference from 15-16 September, 2009 in York, England. This year the theme will be "Facing the Future". For more information please visit:

www.dementia.stir.ac.uk

International Workshop on the Socio-Economics of Ageing

This meeting takes place on 30 October 2009 at the ISEG, Lisbon, Portugal

For more information go to: <http://pascal.iseq.utl.pt/~armindo/ageing/>

Funding, Awards and Research Opportunities

European Research Council starting independent researcher grant

European Research Council Starting Independent Researcher Grants (ERC Starting Grants) aims to support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish or consolidate a proper research team and to start conducting independent research in Europe. For more information go to:

<http://erc.europa.eu/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.display&topicID=65>

Healthcare Partnerships – Call for expressions of interest

The main purpose of the scheme is to establish a joint funding stream for high quality engineering and physical science research within the UK healthcare arena. Closing date for expressions of interest is 20 October, 2009. For all essential reading got to:

www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/healthcare.htm

Programme Ulysses: French-Irish scientific collaborations

The Ulysses programme facilitates the exchange of innovative ideas and approaches between Ireland and France and the development of mutual research projects by supporting researchers based in either country to visit each other. Support of up to 2,500 euros is provided for short visits to partner institutions over a one-year period, and covers travel and subsistence costs. www.irchss.ie/ulysses/ulysses.html

New Investigator Research Grant – neuroscience and mental health

This grant assists clinical and non-clinical researchers to establish themselves as independent principal investigators. The deadline is 4pm, 23 September, 2009.

www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/NIRG/index.htm

Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET) Fellowships

IRCSET has published details of the Call for Postdoctoral Fellowships in 2010. This year, the call will open slightly earlier than usual. Deadline is 1 October 2009 The results will be announced in April 2010. Detailed information is available at:

www.ircset.ie/tabid/64/default.aspx.

Please feel free to circulate the information within your organisation as appropriate. If you do not wish to receive this E-bulletin email info@cardi.ie and your details will be removed from our mailing list.

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