

Supporting research to play a vital role in planning 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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January 2010**CARDI Latest Updates****CARDI supports research that breaks the Ice**

The Centre for Ageing Research and Development (CARDI) is delighted to announce the successful applicants for call 2 of the CARDI Grants Programme.

Research and networks supported include:

- Fuel Poverty – indoor temperatures and behavior of older people in cold weather
- Impact of the recession on older people
- Stress and fatigue among caregivers of older people
- Elder Abuse
- In-appropriate prescribing of drugs to older people in nursing homes
- Older men and treatment for prostate cancer
- Physical activity and social inclusion
- Educational materials for patients with mild cognitive impairment

For further details please click www.cardi.ie/?q=news/cardiresearchbreakstheice

“Illustrating Ageing in Ireland – Key Facts and Figures”

The launch of the report “Illustrating Ageing in Ireland – Key Facts and Figures” took place on 25 January in Dublin. This report compares statistical information on ageing across the island of Ireland. Professors Brendan Whelan and Bernie Hannigan responded to the report. The event also discussed the implications of the statistics for ageing research priorities. Copies of the presentations and the report are on our website www.cardi.ie and hard copies of the report are available from our Belfast office.

Seminar - Your Memories Matter - Showcasing Reminiscence Research

CARDI and the Reminiscence Network Northern Ireland (RNNI) have joined together to hold an all-Ireland workshop on 17 February 2010. Researchers interested in reminiscence will have an opportunity to learn about each other’s work, further develop their research ideas and identify possible partners for future collaboration. Registration for the event has now closed. Copies of the presentations will be available on our website post event: www.cardi.ie

CARDI presents to the Joint Committee on Health and Children

CARDI was invited to present information on our work to the Joint Committee on Health and Children on Tuesday 1 December at Leinster House. Dr Roger O’Sullivan, joined by the Co-Chairs of CARDI, Professor Davis Coakley and Professor Bob Stout, outlined the challenges of an ageing population in Ireland, North and South and the importance of research to help plan for demographic change. To view CARDI’s Briefing Paper to the Joint Committee on Health and Children click: www.cardi.ie/?q=publications/briefingpaperontheworkofcarditothejointcommitteeonhealthandchildren

Forthcoming CARDI publication

- *Health structures in Ireland, North and South*

This resource paper compares Health Structure on the island of Ireland. 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

Social capital and older people in farming communities

Professor Deirdre Heenan, University of Ulster, draws on interviews with older people aged 65 to 85 to assess the extent to which the concept of social capital can be used to inform our understanding of social networks in farming families. Findings indicate that key indicators of social capital such as trust, reciprocity and co-operation strongly influence and determine social relations. Interestingly, though, contrary to much of the literature on social capital, a strong community spirit can exist where associational activities are extremely limited. For a copy of the article click here: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/08904065>

Ethnographic research on ageing in Ireland

Published by the Ethnographic Research Unit (ERU) of NUI Galway, this report showcases achievements and gives voice to many of the older people who have given their time to be involved in the Technology for Independent Living (TRIL) research programme. The research of the TRIL Centre focuses on three major domains of ageing, health and independent living: cognitive health, social connection and falls prevention. http://www.trilcentre.org/news/when_i_was_growing_up%3a_ethnographic_research_on_ageing_in_ireland_published.397.700.news.html

The Road Map for ageing research in Europe

FUTURAGE is a European Commission Framework Programme 7 (FP7) funded project to produce the definitive Road Map for ageing research in Europe for the next 10-15 years. For further details on how to take part in the consultation, please click:

www.cardi.ie/?q=publications/futuragenationalconsultationsageingresearchprioritiesineuropeuntil2025

Older people report rising rates of disability after 20-Year decline

The disability rate among US older people is on the rise, indicates a report from the University of California Berkeley. From analysing the period from 2000-2005, the researchers found a 9% increase in the number of people aged 65 and older who said they have difficulty handling day-to-day activities, including dressing and bathing, because of a problem lasting six months or more.

www.forbes.com/feeds/hscout/2009/12/28/hscout634349.html?feed=rss_forbeslife_health

Ageing Policy Updates

Safer Ageing

The Northern Ireland Office recently launched a strategy and action plan for ensuring the safety of older people. For further details please click:

www.communitysafetyni.gov.uk/documents/saferageingstrategyandactionplanforensuringthesafetyofolderpeople.pdf

Housing our Ageing Population

Commissioned by 'Communities and Local Government' (CLG) in partnership with Department of Health in England, The Housing our Ageing Population Panel for Innovation (HAPPI) has gathered good practice from across Europe and put together proposals in this report to help inform housing needs for older people.

<http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/Housing-Ageing-Population-Panel-Innovation>

Research and Policy Publications

Research strengths in Ireland: A bibliometric study of the public research base

Forfás and the Higher Education Authority (HEA) have published Research strengths in Ireland: a Bibliometric study of the Irish public research base. The overall objective of the study was to profile research activity and areas of existing and emerging research strengths across the public research base. The analyses and the report are based solely on publication and citation data. For a copy of the report click: www.forfas.ie/media/forfas091209_bibliometric_study.pdf

Healthcare strategies for an ageing society

Commissioned by Philips, this report from the Economist Intelligence Unit provides insights into the implications for healthcare systems of a rapidly ageing population globally, and outlines some of the strategies that might be adopted.

http://graphics.eiu.com/upload/eb/Philips_Healthcare_ageing_3011WEB.pdf

Health at a Glance 2009

Published by the OECD, this report provides the latest comparable data on different aspects of the performance of health systems in OECD countries. It provides striking evidence of large variations across countries in the costs, activities and results of health systems. This edition also contains new chapters on the health workforce and on access to care.

www.oecd.org/health/healthataglance

Getting On: Well-being in later life

This Institute for Public Policy Research report sets out an agenda for policymakers and practitioners for well being in later life. It reviews UK policies for older people and international practice, as well as the priorities of older people in urban versus rural locations. It concludes with recommendations for

action.

www.cardi.ie/?q=publications/gettingonwellbeinginlaterlife

Exploring Impact: public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research

This report explores the impact of public involvement through an in-depth review of published literature. It draws together a wealth of examples of how public involvement is conducted, and what difference it is making. But it also raises questions of the quality of the evidence for the impact of such involvement, revealing huge variation in how this is assessed and reported and highlighting difficulties in judging it or drawing general conclusions.

www.invo.org.uk/pdfs/InvolveExploringImpactSummary3.11.09final.pdf

Events and Seminars

Cognitive Health and Wellbeing across the Life Span

This conference will showcase a roundup of evidence in Northern Ireland relevant to older people completed by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and work by the Cogworks Research Network on the determinants of cognitive health, carers, the built environment and adaptive technology. It will take place on 25 February in the Great Hall at Queen's University Belfast. To register email:

cap@qub.ac.uk

The Business of Ageing – Turning Silver into Gold – 3rd March

This one day conference, in Royal Hospital Kilmainham, will investigate business opportunities in the ageing world. Leading specialists, national policy makers, potential investors and experts on business opportunities in the ageing world investigate the value of this market, with case studies examined and parallel sessions looking at various markets and how businesses can adapt their product/service to sell to the Silver Market.

For further information log onto www.businessofageing.com

Design School, 3–5 March 2010

Dementia Services Development Centre Northern Ireland is running a three-day Design School which brings together architects, lighting engineers, acoustics and sound experts, specialists in assistive technology and experts in dementia to share effective design features for inclusion when designing care homes, hospital facilities and day care for people with dementia. For more information or to book a place email dementiacentreni@stir.ac.uk

International Society for Gerontechnology 7th World Conference

This conference which brings together professionals working in the field of gerontechnology will take place 27 – 30 May 2010 in Vancouver, Canada.

For more details on the programme see: <http://www.sfu.ca/isg2010/>

DSIDC - Dementia research seminar

This seminar focuses on sharing current research activity on quality of life for the person with dementia. It will take place on 29 April 2010 in Durkan Lecture Theatre, St. James's Hospital, Dublin. To book a place email: dsidc@stjames.ie

Funding, Awards and Research Opportunities

Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences has recently launched Postdoctoral Mobility Fellowships. The fellowships are valued up to €54,300 per year. Max award amount: €162,900. Closing date: 19 Feb 10. For further details:

<http://www.irchss.ie>

Leverhulme Trust - International Networks

Grants enable a Principal Investigator based in the UK to lead a research project where its successful completion depends on the participation of relevant overseas institutions. The value of an award is normally up to £125,000 and a network grant can last for up to three years. Closing Date 1 March 10. http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/international_networks/

7th EU Framework Programme Ireland Opportunities

www.fp7ireland.com/default.aspx#

The Nuffield Foundation

The Foundation keeps an "open door" to proposals of exceptional merit for research projects or practical innovations that lie outside its main programme areas, but that meet wider interests. It is interested in projects which identify change or interventions which will have practical implications for policy or practice, or that will improve the quality of research evidence in areas of public debate.

For details contact: <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/>

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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