

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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November 2009**CARDI Latest Updates****Seminar - Your Memories Matter - Showcasing Reminiscence Research**

CARDI and the Reminiscence Network Northern Ireland (RNNI) are joining together to hold an all Ireland workshop on 17 February 2010. It will provide an opportunity for researchers interested in reminiscence to learn about each other's work, further develop their research ideas and identify possible partners for future collaboration. It will take place in The Mount Conference Centre, Belfast from 10.00am - 4.00pm. For a copy of the programme and to register your interest in attending please click here: www.cardi.ie/event-booking

Improving the quality of life of older people

In a piece for The Public Affairs Ireland Journal, CARDI's Strategic Research Officer outlines some of the key challenges being faced at present and emphasises the role of research in identifying the future needs of Ireland's ageing population.

<http://www.cardi.ie/userfiles/Pages%20from%20PAI%20Journal%20November%202009.pdf>

Communication officer - new media – vacancy Dublin office

CARDI wishes to recruit a person for the above post. For further details and an application form click:

www.cardi.ie/vacancies

The closing date is 12 noon 4 December 09.

Forthcoming CARDI publications include:

Illustrating Ageing in Ireland – Key Facts and Figures. This report compares statistical information on

ageing across the island of Ireland. All publications are available at: www.cardi.ie

CARDI Grants Programme - Call 1 award holders section

Learn more about the award holders from Call 1 of the CARDI website: www.cardi.ie/grantprogramme

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

Current health care practices are increasingly unsustainable

The Economic and Social Research Institute in a recent report states that current health care practices will become increasingly unsustainable with Ireland's growing and ageing population. The report indicates a significant reconfiguration of services will be needed including a shift in care from acute hospitals to the community. For a copy click here:

http://www.esri.ie/publications/latest_publications/view/index.xml?id=2878

The role of grandparents in divorced and separated Families

Trinity based researchers, Virpi Timonen, Martha Doyle & Ciara O' Dwyer, will later this month launch a report which explores the role of grandparents in divorced and separated families. The study was funded by the Family Support Agency. For further details see

www.sparc.tcd.ie/newsAndEvents/FSA_Launch.pdf

New programme to help prevent dementia by enhancing cognitive function awarded €2.5 million

A new programme that aims to help prevent dementia and cognitive impairment among older people by enhancing cognitive function through brain stimulation, mental training and pharmaceuticals has been awarded €2.5 million. The grant will enable Trinity College Dublin's Institute of Neuroscience, in collaboration with St James's Hospital, to pilot the programme called Neuroenhancement for Inequalities in Elder Lives (NIEL). The initiative, funded by the Atlantic Philanthropies, will be led by TCD's Professor of Psychology, Ian Robertson, in conjunction with Professor Brian Lawlor, Professor of Old Age Psychiatry and Consultant Psychiatrist at St. James's Hospital.

Ageing Policy Updates

Consultation to establish an Office of a Commissioner for Older People

A consultation to establish a Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland has commenced. The Older People's Advocate and the Legislative Team from the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister are holding a series of consultations across around Northern Ireland from 16-24 November. For further details please contact:

www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/a_commissioner_for_older_people_-_your_voice_your_future_flyer.pdf

Review of the National Default Retirement Age

The Age Employment Network in the UK (TAEN), has issued a call for evidence on changes to the national default retirement age. This is the system under which people may ask to continue working after 65 but the employer does not have to accept the request and can require the worker to retire.

The consultation is being led by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. Evidence and comments can be sent by 1 February 2010 to TAEN at info@taen.org.uk

Action plan for Health Research in Ireland 2009 -13

The Health Research Board (HRB) has recently set out its strategy and business plan for health research in Ireland 2009 - 2013. The strategy focuses on improving public health, transforming our health services and supporting new enterprise and the economy over the next five years. The HRB in this strategy will concentrate resources into research that offers translation into impacts and benefits for people's health. It focuses on closing the gap between research outcomes and their application in policy and practice.

http://www.dohc.ie/publications/pdf/action_plan_health_research.pdf?direct=1

Research and Policy Publications

Figuring it Out: Looking Behind the Social Statistics in Northern Ireland

A new research report by University of Ulster academics Dr Ann Marie Gray and Goretta Horgan provides a commentary on a range of social statistics relating to key policy issues in Northern Ireland. For a copy click

<http://www.ark.ac.uk/publications/books/Figuringitout.pdf>

How to promote ageing well in Europe?

The above publication by the European Older People's Platform sets out some challenges that regional and local actors face due to demographic ageing and illustrate what they can do in each of these areas.

http://www.age-platform.org/EN/IMG/AGE-CoR_Brochure_on_Ageing_Well_in_Europe-EN.pdf

A Picture of Health 2009

The Health Research Board (HRB) recently published 'A Picture of Health 2009'. This publication represents a snapshot of some of the HRB funded research projects which ended in 2008. To download a copy click www.hrb.ie/

Report from the Ministerial Summit on Dementia Research

This report summarises the presentations, discussions and ideas which emerged from the Ministerial Dementia Research Summit held on 21st July 2009 at the Royal Society in London. The purpose of the summit was to identify gaps in existing knowledge and prioritise new areas for research in the dementia field. For a copy of the report visit

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_107954.pdf

Events and Seminars

The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA): An Overview

On 30 November as part of Irish Centre for Social Gerontology winter seminar series, Professor Brendan Whelan will give a presentation at Galway University on TILDA. For further details email icsg@nuigalway.ie or call 091 495461.

Residential master class "Research for older people and those with a disability"

Do you know anyone who is new to researching the needs and lives of older people and those with a

disability? If so, then please apply for one of the 40 free places at the KT-EQUAL: residential master class "Research for older people and those with a disability" 30 November & 1 December 2009, Chancellors Hotel, University of Manchester Attendance on both days, meals and accommodation (on the 30) is free.
<http://www.sparc.ac.uk/>

The Ageing Population Conference 2010

Focusing on the theme of demographic change this conference on 25 February in London will bring together partners from public, private and third sectors responsible for the delivery of initiatives designed to discuss how to ensure that older people live longer, healthier and more active lives. For more information please visit www.govnet.co.uk/ageing

Dementia and Rehabilitation Challenges and Opportunities for Health Care Professionals

This Conference by Dementia Services Information and Development Centre on Thursday 26 November 2009 will explore a broad range of issues in relation to dementia and rehabilitation and share the latest thinking on this important topic. Expert national and international speakers will cover social, psychological and biological perspectives. For information and a booking form visit www.dementia.ie

Climate for Change: Ageing into the future

The International Federation on Ageing conference will take place at the Melbourne Convention Centre in Australia 3 - 6 May 2010. The abstract submission deadline is: 30 November 09. For more details on the programme see: <http://www.ifa2010.org>

Gerontology Without Borders: Diversity in European & Transnational Ageing Research

Swansea University and OPAN are hosting the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, European Social Research Section (IAGG ESR) Annual Conference. The conference will be held at Swansea University from the 1 - 3 July 2010. The call for abstracts is now open. Registration and submission details can be found at: www.gerontology2010.swansea.ac.uk

Better healthcare through better infrastructure

This event by Health and Care Infrastructure Research and Innovation Centre (HaCIRIC), aims to bring together researchers and practitioners from across disciplines and countries to focus on key challenges in the provision of healthcare infrastructure for the 21st century. It takes place in Edinburgh, 22 - 24 September 2010. For further details <http://www.haciric.org/Portals/36/Conferences/Call.pdf>

Funding, Awards and Research Opportunities

What do older people with high support needs want and value from life?

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has recently embarked on a major new programme: 'A Better Life', the central question of which is: "How can we ensure a better life and better choices for older people who need high levels of support?" The deadline for receipt of full proposals is 12 noon on 24 November 2009 for decision by 18 December.
See <http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding>

Research Training Grant Application

As part of its mission to support the development of hospice/palliative care at home and abroad, the

Irish Hospice Foundation operates a number of grant schemes. It welcomes proposals from hospice, hospital palliative care and home care services for: "Training of individual members of staff in research methodology". The closing date is:

12 noon - 27 November 09. See www.hospice-foundation.ie

Knowledge Exchange Small Grants Scheme

This scheme by the ESRC provides funding (between £2,000 - £10,000) for social science PhD students, researchers and knowledge transfer professionals to undertake knowledge exchange and impact generating activity. The closing date is 3 December 2009. Visit:

<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/KnowledgeExch/KESmallGrants.aspx>

Fulbright Scholar Awards

Awards are available from the Irish Fulbright Commission to support Irish academics, postdoctoral researchers or professionals to spend 3-12 months researching and/or lecturing in the US. The closing date is 4 December 09. Visit: <http://www.fulbright.ie/>

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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