

eBulletin

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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CARDI Latest Updates**Your Memories Matter - Showcasing Reminiscence Research – Diary Date**

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. To register your interest in attending please click here: www.cardi.ie/event-booking

CARDI Brings Together Researchers and Policy Makers Across the island of Ireland

CARDI recently hosted a half day seminar with senior policy staff and academics across Ireland to share experiences and explore ways of promoting an increased understanding of ageing policy issues in Ireland, North and South. The themes included looking at ways to foster closer engagement with researchers and policy makers; an understanding of the research and policy cycles and how to contribute to better outcomes for older people now and in the future. If you would like a copy of the papers presented please click here www.cardi.ie

CARDI's Submission to Positive Ageing Strategy

For a copy of CARDI's submission on the key components that should frame the forthcoming National Positive Ageing Strategy being developed by the Office for Older People [click here](#).

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

www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/consultations/consultation-pensioners-incomes-series.htm

The deadline for public submissions to the Minister is 2 November 2009.

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

NILDA – The Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study of Ageing - Update

The NILDA Team, led by Professor Frank Kee, Director of the UKCRC Centre of Excellence for Public Health and supported by CARDI, has prepared a document setting out the case a longitudinal study of ageing for Northern Ireland. It has been developed following consultative workshops, a policy seminar, meetings with government representatives, service providers, older people's representatives, academics and existing longitudinal studies. If you would like a copy of this paper or to learn more about NILDA please email David.scott@qub.ac.uk

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

A longitudinal study of variations in survival amongst residents of nursing and residential homes in NI

This paper by researchers at Queen's University quantifies mortality rates across the care home population of Northern Ireland, and assesses variation by type of care home and resident characteristics. Results show that the median survival time among nursing home residents was 2.33 years and for residential homes 4.51 years. You can find the paper at: <http://ageing.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/afp173>

One Island – One Lifestyle? Health and lifestyles in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

This report presents a North/South profile of physical and mental health, lifestyles and the experience of health services. It was commissioned by the Department of Health and Children in Dublin and was carried out by a research consortium involving NUI Galway, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the Economic and Social Research Institute and University College Cork. For a copy of the report, click here:

www.publichealth.ie/files/file/slan.pdf

The Role of Migrant Care Workers in Ageing Societies

Ireland's older population is being cared for in large numbers by one of the most marginalised groups within the labour force, migrant workers. The issue is explored in a report by NUI Galway's Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, recently launched by the Minister for Older People, Áine Brady TD. Download the full report from:

<http://www.icsg.ie/Library/documents/ICSG%20MCW%20Report.pdf>

The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) needs your support

The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA), which is led by Trinity College Dublin, has started interviewing people over 50 across Ireland. If called to participate, please respond and encourage others. By carrying out this study they hope to improve life for all of us as we get older - participation and support by all sectors is really important. More information at: www.tcd.ie/tilda/participants/

Ageing Policy Updates

Consultation to establish an Office of a Commissioner for Older People

Proposals to establish a Commissioner for Older People in Northern Ireland are presently out for consultation. To read the consultation paper and the accompanying Draft Bill click here: <http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/equality/age/older-peoples-commissioner.htm>

The deadline for submission is 7 January 2010.

An Garda Síochána Strategy for Older Person

An Garda Síochána is formulating a new strategy for older people. It is inviting submissions to the working group of the Garda Síochána by 6 November 09. For further information or to make a submission please email: communitypolicing_model@gardi.ie

Positive Ageing: is Government's ageing strategy fit for purpose?

Age Concern/Help the Aged NI recently published an assessment of the strategy 'Ageing in An Inclusive Society'. It suggests that two interlinked elements need to be addressed. First the strategy must focus on positive ageing and second it must match resources with measures to support effective implementation. For further information,

click: http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/A1DC84D2-F72E-4622-B24D-63AE6571F35F/0/positive_ageing_170909.pdf

Research and Policy Publications

Dementia: ethical issues

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics presents an ethical framework to help those who face dilemmas in connection with the everyday care of someone with dementia. The framework forms the basis for a number of recommendations to policy makers and researchers. See more at: www.cardi.ie/publications/dementiaethicalissues

Rejuvenating ageing research

A report by the Academy of Medical Sciences assesses the present state of ageing research and outlines what should be done to improve the UK's performance and international standing in ageing research. The report focuses on four areas in particular

that should be prioritised in the immediate future:

www.cardi.ie/userfiles/Academy%20of%20Medical%20Sciences.pdf

Irish Gerontological Society Strategy Launched

The Irish Gerontological Society recently launched its strategy for the period 2009-2012.

For a copy of the strategy please email: marianhughes@ireland.com

Well-being in Ireland report launched

A report on well-being in Ireland was launched at a conference organised by the National Economic and Social Council in Dublin on 7 October. Volume I sets out trends in the economic, social, environmental and psychological factors that contribute to well-being and argues that we need more than GDP to assess progress. Volume II takes a life-cycle approach and has a 70-page section on older people. *Well-being Matters: A Social Report for Ireland* can be downloaded free from the Council's website at:

<http://www.nesc.ie/default.asp>.

Events and Seminars

24 Hour Universal Design Challenge

The Centre for Excellence in Universal Design (CEUD) and Trinity College are hosting a 24 Hour Universal Design Challenge on 6-7 November in association with the Royal College of Art Helen Hamlyn Centre as part of the Institute of Designers in Ireland Design Week 2009.

For further information or to register your interest in participating, please contact Dr Antoinette Fennell: antoinette.fennell@tcd.ie

The Economics of Preventative Strategies

The 19th Annual Conference, of the Northern Ireland Health Economics Group will take place on 16 October in the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick. It will explore how to tackle the economic burden of chronic disease caused by obesity, smoking and excessive alcohol consumption. For further details click here:

<http://www.allirelandnci.org/pdf/NIHEG%20PROGRAMME%202009.pdf>

Dementia and Rehabilitation Challenges and Opportunities for Health Care Professionals

This Conference by Dementia Services Information and Development Centre on Thursday 26 November 09 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 speak on the subject from social, psychological and biological perspectives. For information and a booking form visit www.dementia.ie

National Conference of the Australian Association of Gerontology

The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) is hosting its 42nd National Conference in Canberra, Australia at the National Convention Centre from 25 - 27 November 2009. This year's conference is "Translation and Transformation: Connecting what we know and what we do" www.aagconference.com/

Funding, Awards and Research Opportunities

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 Dec 09. Visit: <http://www.fulbright.ie/>

Social Policy Research Fellowship Award

Age Concern/Help The Aged is inviting applications for a one year fellowship award for a post-doctoral researcher to carry out research on the impact of the economic downturn on older people in the United Kingdom. Closing date 6 November 09. For an information pack and application form please click: www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/social-policy-research-fellowship.asp

Collaborations Grants

Collaborations grants are available from the Leverhulme Trust to enable a principal investigator based in the UK to lead a research project where its successful completion is dependent on the participation of relevant overseas institutions. The value of a network award is normally up to £125,000 and a grant can last for up to three years. Closing date: 1 Dec 09. See: www.leverhulme.ac.uk/

HRB Health Research Awards

The Health Research Board now invites applications for its 2010 Health Research Awards. This scheme aims to fund individual researchers and research teams to conduct internationally competitive and innovative research that will create knowledge and evidence of benefit to health through patient-oriented research, population health sciences research and health services research. Closing date 17 Nov 09.
<http://www.hrb.ie/research-strategy-funding/grants-and-fellowships/>

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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If you want to explore how to be involved in progressing ageing research or want to find out more about our work please contact our team.

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