

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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August 2009**CARDI Latest Updates****The CARDI Grants Programme - Call 2 is now open.**

The Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland (CARDI) is delighted to open Call 2 of its grants programme. We are inviting applications for grants to fund cross-border and inter-disciplinary research and to create networks of academics with the public, private and voluntary sectors. More information about the terms of reference and application forms can be accessed on www.cardi.ie/grantprogramme or email info@cardi.ie

CARDI Grants Programme Briefing Sessions

- Queen's University Belfast, Wednesday 12 August at 11am, Medical Biology Centre, Room 105
- NUI Galway, Monday 24 August at 11am, Moore Institute seminar room
- University College Cork, Tuesday 25 August at 2pm, venue to be confirmed

If you would like a briefing meeting on your campus or for your organisation, we will be happy to make a presentation and answer questions. We are particularly interested in meetings involving people from different disciplines and sectors (e.g. academic, statutory, voluntary and community). Please email paul@cardi.ie or ring our Belfast office: 0044 28 9069 0066.

CARDI signs up to Twitter – coming soon!

Keep up to date with the latest news on ageing research by signing up to the CARDI on Twitter on www.cardi.ie

CARDI co-host comparative research project

CARDI and the Institute of Public Health are co-hosting French intern, David Bensadon at our Belfast Office. A graduate in economics, David is currently studying for a Master in Public Health at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sante Publique (EHESP), Paris. His research in Ireland focuses on comparing the healthcare and social service budget for older people in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and France. For further details contact David at david.bensadon@publichealth.ie

The 4th Living Knowledge Conference - Engaged Communities, Engaged Universities: Developing policy and practice in participatory research This conference takes place on 27-29 August 2009. CARDI is coordinating the theme 'Planning for Demographic Change'. For details of the full programme and to register go to: www.livingknowledge2009.org

SPARC/CAP International Research Conference on Policy and Ageing

This event titled *Planning Together* takes place on the 16 – 17 September 2009 at Queen's University Belfast. CARDI is hosting a networking event on 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.

Forthcoming 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, EU and UN level.

- *What is Interdisciplinary?*

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

All publications are available at: www.cardi.ie

Ageing Research Updates

The Health Service Executive (HSE) Research Advisory Panel

The HSE is establishing a Research Advisory Panel focused on issues relevant to the health service across the spectrum of health research. Areas to include clinical and translational research, health services research and population health sciences.

www.hse.ie/eng/newsmedia/rapanel.html

The impact of recession on older jobseekers

Latest research from The Age and Employment Network (TEAN) looks at perceptions of ageist attitudes to employment before and after the recession. The study illustrates that 72% of survey respondents say that employers see them as 'too old' compared with 63% surveyed before the recession. <http://taen.org.uk/news/view/225>

Global demographic trends and challenges

Using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the United Nations, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, and regional surveys and scientific journals, this report, *An Aging*

World: 2008 International Population identifies nine trends that offer an insight into the challenges of global demographic change. www.census.gov/prod/2009pubs/p95-09-1.pdf

New research looks at the effects of retirement on our health

This paper by the Institute for the Study of Labour investigates the effects of retirement on various health outcomes. Data stems from the first three waves of the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA). <http://ftp.iza.org/dp4253.pdf>

Ageing Policy Updates

‘An Bord Snip Nua’- What it means to older people?

Measures being considered by the Irish Government include imposing prescription charges on medical card holders, greater contributions to nursing home care under the Fair Deal Scheme and working later into old age to qualify for state pensions. Read the report in full at www.finance.gov.ie/ViewDoc.asp?fn=/home.asp

Ending age discrimination in services and public functions - A consultation

This document describes public views on emerging proposals in The Equality Bill for exceptions from the ban on age discrimination in services and public functions in the UK. www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/13511%20GEO%20Consultation%206th.pdf

The Commission of Investigation’s final report on Leas Cross nursing home

The report highlights the lack of supervision and regulation and points out the gaps in training and management skills. www.dohc.ie/publications/pdf/leascross.pdf?direct=1

England’s National Dementia Strategy Implementation Plan update

This refreshed plan replaces the one that was issued alongside the Strategy on 3 February 2009. It describes the implementation tasks, arrangements for national and regional support and the programmes that have been put in place to support delivery of the strategy. www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_103137

Older and Bolder present to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children

On the 14 July the coalition group Older and Bolder presented to the Joint Committee on Health and Children on the Positive Ageing Strategy. <http://debates.oireachtas.ie/DDebate.aspx?F=HEJ20090714.xml&Node=H2#H2>

Building a Society for all Ages - UK Government Plan for Ageing Demographic

This strategy, *Building a Society for all Ages*, sets out the government programme of action to support changes for individuals, families, the workplace and economy and for public services and communities. www.hmq.gov.uk/media/33830/fullreport.pdf

Research and Policy Publications

Fuel Poverty Advisory Group (FPAG) - Seventh Annual Report

This report includes a list of FPAG’s key recommendations to Government for making short term, rapid progress on fuel poverty in the UK. www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/consumers/fuel_poverty/fpag/fpag.aspx

Statistical information on social welfare services 2008

This sets out comprehensive data relating to older people and services provided by the Department of Social and Family Affairs in the Republic of Ireland.

www.welfare.ie/EN/Policy/ResearchSurveysAndStatistics/Documents/2008stats.pdf

The Equality and Human Rights Commission's Strategic Plan 2009 -2010

The plan summarises priorities and sets out a series of programmes and projects aimed at making Britain a fairer, more equal place.

www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/strategicplan2009-2012parliamentary.pdf

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Summer Journal

This edition covers articles from EU and international experts on older people's issues including the effects of the financial crisis on older people, amongst others.

www.aarpinternational.org/journal_sub/journal_sub_show.htm?doc_id=949759

House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee - Tackling Pensioner Poverty Volume I and II

With 2 million pensioners in poverty and 1.1 million who live on below 50% of median income in the UK, this report looks at what more the Government could do to lift pensioners out of poverty.

www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmselect/cmworpen/411/411i.pdf

Events and Seminars

Irish Gerontology Society Annual Conference

This will take place in Belfast from the 25-26 September . Full details are available at

<http://www.gerontology.ie/igs09.html>

38th Annual British Society of Gerontology Conference - Culture, Diversity and Ageing

This conference takes place in Bristol at the University of the West of England on the 2-4 September 2009. Themes include gerontology, ageing, culture and diversity.

For more detailed information got to: www.bsg2009.org.uk

Limerick hosts The Over 50s Show

The Over 50's Show is returning to the UL Arena, Limerick on 12-13 September 2009.

www.seniortimes.ie/mysitecaddy/site3/shows20090912.htm

Demographic Change - Challenges and Opportunities for Business, Politics and Society

The 5th World Ageing & Generations Congress will take place from the 3-5 of September 2009 at the Executive Campus HSG of the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

For more detailed information got to:

www.wdassociation.org/project/uploads/1/first_announcement_2009_def.pdf

The Future is Older

The Crichton Centre for Research in Health and Social Issues will be hosting an international conference *The Future is Older* at the University's Dumfries Campus, University of Glasgow on 8-9 September 2009. For detailed information got to:

www.uhi.ac.uk/home/archive-events/the-future-is-older

Funding, Awards and Research Opportunities

EU Funding: Pilot Project on Preventing Elder Abuse

The aim of this call for proposals is to offer grant funding to applicants including not-for-profit organisations, public authorities, universities and research centres and civil society/stakeholder organisations.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=224&furtherCalls=yes>

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council - Career Acceleration Fellowships 2010

Career Acceleration Fellowships provide up to five years funding to talented researchers at an early stage of their career. www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/cafcall09.htm

Parkinson's Disease Society Innovation Grants

Parkinson's Disease Society (PDS) invests in new ideas that have the potential to transform the lives of people with Parkinson's. Innovation Grants support exceptionally innovative research focused on the causes, treatment and cure for Parkinson's.

www.parkinsons.org.uk/default.aspx

US Ireland R&D Partnership Programme

The Governments of the United States of America, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland have come together for a unique initiative to advance scientific progress in fields that will have a significant impact on the health, well-being and economic prosperity of all their citizens. www.sfi.ie/content/content.asp?section_id=656&language_id=1

The Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Parliamentary Fellowship

The Oireachtas Parliamentary Fellowship is designed to advance the study of, and contribute to scholarship on the Houses of the Oireachtas. Prospective Fellows will apply to undertake and complete the Fellowship for a period not exceeding 12 months commencing in autumn 2009. Closing date for applications is 27 August 2009.

www.oireachtas.ie/viewdoc.asp?DocID=12349&&CatID=42

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