

## 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](http://www.cardi.ie)

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**March 2010****CARDI Latest Updates****Call 3 Announced**

CARDI has announced Call 3 of its grant programme. The terms of reference have been updated and grants are now up to €100,000 for research projects. It will now involve a two stage process - applicants are first required to submit preliminary research proposals using a two page form before submitting the full application. Full details are available at [www.cardi.ie/grantprogramme](http://www.cardi.ie/grantprogramme)

**CARDI supports early career researchers**

CARDI is delighted to link with Professor Alan Walker, Director of the New Dynamics of Ageing programme, who is holding a one day workshop on Monday 5th July for early career, doctoral/postdoctoral researchers. CARDI will provide four bursaries to attend which will cover travel and subsistence and the BSG conference fees. If you would like to apply please download a short application form at [www.cardi.ie](http://www.cardi.ie) and return by 1 April at 12 noon.

**Seminar - Your Memories Matter - Showcasing Reminiscence Research**

CARDI and the Reminiscence Network Northern Ireland (RNNI) recently held a workshop for researchers interested in reminiscence work. Copies of the presentations from the event are

available on our website: [www.cardi.ie](http://www.cardi.ie)

### Recent Publications

- *“Illustrating Ageing in Ireland North and South - Key Facts and Figures”*.

This report by CARDI was recently launched and provides a statistical summary on aspects of the lives of older people in Northern Ireland (NI) and the Republic of Ireland (ROI), compares and contrasts aspects including: poverty, employment, health and well being, and care, from an island of Ireland analysis. To download a copy of this report or the responses by Professors Brendan Whelan and Bernie Hannigan from the launch please click:

[www.cardi.ie/publications/illustratingageinginirelandnorthsouthkeyfactsandfigures](http://www.cardi.ie/publications/illustratingageinginirelandnorthsouthkeyfactsandfigures)

- *Retirement at 65*

CARDI has submitted evidence to the UK government’s review of the default retirement age. It notes the dearth of evidence on the subject in Northern Ireland and presents all-Ireland statistics suggesting that many older workers wish to continue in jobs beyond 65. The submission is at [www.cardi.ie/publications/evidenceonthedefaultretirementage](http://www.cardi.ie/publications/evidenceonthedefaultretirementage)

### Forthcoming CARDI publication

- *Health Structures in Ireland, North and South*

This resource paper compares Health Structures on the island of Ireland. All publications are available at: [www.cardi.ie](http://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

### Dementia 2010

The Alzheimer’s Research Trust report, Dementia 2010, highlights the impact of dementia on the UK’s society and economy. The report found that each dementia patient costs the British economy more than the average salary and five times more than the average cancer patient. For every £1 million in health and social care costs for the disease, £129,269 is spent on cancer research and just £4,882 on dementia research. Click here to download a copy of the report: [www.alzheimers-research.org.uk/news/article.php?type=News&id=544](http://www.alzheimers-research.org.uk/news/article.php?type=News&id=544)

### Equity release and older home-owners

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) recently published a paper on the theme “Can equity release help older home-owners improve their quality of life?” If you would to read a copy of the report please click here: [www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/equity-release-plans-summary.pdf](http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/equity-release-plans-summary.pdf)

### Living with Alzheimer’s

The Alzheimer’s Society has published *Listening well*, the report of interviews and focus group consultations with people in Northern Ireland living with dementia and their carers. It explores their views on topics such as getting a diagnosis and the treatment, information, care and support they received. See their report at [http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/download\\_info.php?fileID=819](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=819)

## Ageing Policy Updates

### **National Pensions framework**

The Irish government has published important new proposals on pensions, including a raising of the pension age to 66 in four years time, to 67 in 2021 and to 68 by the year 2028. The government seeks to maintain the social welfare pension at 35% of average earnings and there will be an 'auto enrolment' or opt-out system to provide supplementary payments through private pension funds. Workers will pay 50% of the costs and employers and government one quarter each. See the details at [www.pensionsgreenpaper.ie/publications\\_nationalframework.html](http://www.pensionsgreenpaper.ie/publications_nationalframework.html)

### **Report of the Working Group on Elder Abuse**

The Department of Health and Children recently published 'Review of the Recommendations of Protecting Our Future: Report of the Working Group on Elder Abuse'. The report makes recommendations in three areas - strengthening existing institutional arrangements, accelerating progress on existing recommendations in Protecting our Future and addressing emerging areas of concern. To view a copy of the report please click: [www.dohc.ie/publications/protecting\\_our\\_future\\_review2010.html](http://www.dohc.ie/publications/protecting_our_future_review2010.html)

### **Building a society for all ages – consultation response**

In July 2009, the UK Government published *Building a Society for All Ages*, its strategy for meeting the opportunities and challenges of an ageing population. This report provides a summary of the responses to the consultation. It also provides an update on how the initiatives set out in the strategy have developed as a result of this feedback. For a copy of the report : [www.hmg.gov.uk/media/54645/final%20proof.pdf](http://www.hmg.gov.uk/media/54645/final%20proof.pdf)

### **National Positive Ageing Strategy Meetings**

To inform the development of the Positive Ageing Strategy a series of meetings throughout Ireland are taking place. For details on all the meetings planned, please contact the Strategy Development Unit, Office for Older People, Department of Health and Children – Tel: (01) 635 3057 or e-mail [Positiveageing@health.gov.ie](mailto:Positiveageing@health.gov.ie)

## Research and Policy Publications

### **Fair Society, Healthy Lives Full Report (The Marmot Review)**

The Marmot Review into health inequalities in England was published on 11 February 2010. It draws attention to the evidence that the majority of people in England are not living as long as those best off in society and spend longer in ill-health. The report argues that government policies have traditionally focused resources only on segments of society. To improve health for all of us and to reduce unfair and unjust inequalities in health, action is needed across the social gradient. To read the report click: [www.ucl.ac.uk/ghcg/marmotreview/Documents/finalreport](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ghcg/marmotreview/Documents/finalreport)

### **Funding and Performance of Healthcare Systems in the Four Countries of the UK Before and After Devolution**

This research examines the impact of funding and performance of healthcare systems in the four areas of the UK before and after devolution by studying key performance indicators for

the NHS in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland at three time points – 1996/7, 2002/3 and 2006/7. The report also undertakes a completely new comparison of NHS performance in the English regions and the devolved countries. To read a summary of the report click here:

<http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/uploadedFiles/Projects/Nuffield%20Trust%20devolution%20report%20summary%2019.01.10.pdf>

## **Events and Seminars**

### **Family Perceptions of Mild Cognitive Impairment: Individual Changes and Relationship Challenges**

On Wednesday 10 March Prof. Karen Roberto will describe the issues and challenges families face when an older member is diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment. To register and for further details please click:

[www.sparc.tcd.ie/newsAndEvents/Guest\\_Lecture-KarenRoberto\\_MCI.php](http://www.sparc.tcd.ie/newsAndEvents/Guest_Lecture-KarenRoberto_MCI.php)

### **Bordering on the Possible – Where is cross border work going?**

Community Dialogue and Donegal Community Workers Co-op are hosting this event on cross border work in the voluntary and community sector at the Junction, Bishop Street, Derry, on Friday 12 March at 11.00am. For more information or to register to attend please email Community Dialogue at [admin@communitydialogue.org](mailto:admin@communitydialogue.org)

### **Creating Aging-Friendly Communities in the United States**

This seminar by Professor Andrew Scharlach, University of California will take place on 22 March 2010 at Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, Galway. To book a place email: [icsg@nuigalway.ie](mailto:icsg@nuigalway.ie)

### **World Ageing & Generations Congress 2010**

The 6th World Ageing & Generations Congress in 2010 will take place between the 25 and 28 August 2010 in St. Gallen, Switzerland. The congress is a platform where academia, business, policy makers and practitioners from different fields come together to share their experience and expertise on demographic change. For further details click here:

[www.wdassociation.org/project/docs/pub/articles/231/100119firstannouncementv3.0\\_e\\_dt.pdf](http://www.wdassociation.org/project/docs/pub/articles/231/100119firstannouncementv3.0_e_dt.pdf)

### **6th Congress of the EUGMS 2010**

The EUGMS and the annual Irish Gerontological Society Conference will take place this year in Dublin on 29 September – 1 October. The Conference themes include: Geriatric Medicine: New Challenges, New Techniques and New Technologies

To view the programme and register: [www.eugms2010.org/](http://www.eugms2010.org/)

## **Funding, Awards and Research Opportunities**

### **Awards of up to €250,000 per year for translational research**

The Translational Research Award (TRA) initiative aims to support the research funding strategy of both the HRB and SFI (HRB-SFI). The joint initiative will focus resources in areas which offer the greatest potential for translation into impacts and benefits for health and long term economic development, as well as for more efficient and effective collaboration between academics and healthcare professionals engaged in translational research. Close date 26 March

[www.hrb.ie/research-strategy-funding/grants-and-fellowships/hrb-grants-and-fellowships/grant/62/](http://www.hrb.ie/research-strategy-funding/grants-and-fellowships/hrb-grants-and-fellowships/grant/62/)

### **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 a practical implications for policy or practice, or that will improve the quality of research evidence in areas of public debate. For details contact: [www.nuffieldfoundation.org/](http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/)

### **Early Career Fellowships**

Early Career Fellowships aim to provide career development opportunities for those who are at a relatively early stage of their academic careers but with a proven record of research. Applications are welcomed in any discipline. Fellowships can be held at universities or at other institutions of higher education in the UK. Close date: 1 May 2010 – 12 am.  
[www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/early\\_career\\_fellowships](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/early_career_fellowships)

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#### **CARDI Staff Team**

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.

#### **CARDI staff are:**

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#### **CARDI Steering Group**

CARDI has been developed by leaders from the ageing field across Ireland (North and South).

#### **Our Steering Group Members are:**

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