



Changing Lives in Ageing Societies: Exploring the Relationships between Ageing Research, Policy and Practices

Date: Wednesday 14th May 2008

Purpose and theme of conference

The Social Policy and Ageing Research Centre at the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin invite you to attend their second annual conference. The purpose of the conference is to explore the relationship between ageing research, policy and practices. The conference will explore how research can (and does, at least sometimes) influence policies on ageing and how it can lead to the development of new or improved policies and practices 'on the ground'.

The conference does not focus on any single policy area - rather, the speakers will critically discuss the complexities of the research-policy-practice relationship. They will address innovative research methods, provide examples of research projects which contributed to changes in practices 'on the ground' and outline mechanisms which could improve the relationship between individuals engaged in research, policy-making and 'practice'. The speakers will refer to specific policy areas (pensions, long-term care, aspects of health care provision/treatments etc.) and local or national cases of change/inertia to illustrate their arguments.

The conference will be of particular interest to policy makers, academics and any group or organisation involved in the development and formulation of community supports and policies for older people.

Programme

- 08.45 – 09.30 Registration
- 09.30 – 09.35 *Welcome* – Professor Robbie Gilligan, Chairperson of the Trinity Consortium on Ageing
- 09.35 – 09.50 *Opening address*
Dr Garret FitzGerald, former Taoiseach (1981-82, 1982-87)
- 09.50 – 10.20 *(How) Does Translational Research on Ageing Work?*
Prof. Karl Pillemer, Director, Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging, Cornell University, US
- 10.20 – 10.30 Q & A, Discussion
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Translating Research Findings into Practice: Lessons from Successes and Failures*
Professor Mary Gilhooly, Director of the Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies, School of Health Sciences and Social Care, Brunel University, UK
- 11.30 – 11.40 Q & A
- 11.40 – 12.00 *Paying for Long-Term Care in the UK: Role of Evidence in Influencing Policy*
Ms. Sue Collins, Principal Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, UK
- 12.00 – 12.30 Q & A, Discussion
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.00 *Expanding Private Pensions Coverage – the Role of Research and the OECD in Promoting the Agenda*
Mr Andrew Reilly, Pensions Unit, Social Policy Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
- 14.00 – 14.10 Q & A
- 14.10 – 14.40 *Influencing Policies and Practices in the Prevention and Treatment of Falls in Ireland*
Professor Rose Anne Kenny, Department of Medical Gerontology and the Institute of Neuroscience, Trinity College Dublin
- 14.40 – 14.50 Q & A
- 14.50 – 15.20 *Developing Capacity for Policy and Practice Relevant Research within and outside Academic Institutions: Advice and Experiences*
Dr Elaine Wethington, Cornell Institute for Translational Research, Cornell University, US
- 15.20 – 15.50 Summary of proceedings and panel discussion involving audience.
Prof Richard Layte, Economic and Social Research Institute
- 16.00 – 17.00 Reception and launch of new book *Ageing Societies: A Comparative Introduction*, further details to be confirmed.

Venue

The conference will take place in the Lower Lecture Theatre Room 0.32, School of Nursing, Trinity College Dublin.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is situated at "The Gas Building", 24 D'Olier Street, Dublin 2, and is adjacent to Trinity College Dublin.

For directions on the day, please phone the school reception at:-

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Conference Fees

Representatives of public/private sector agencies/institutes/companies/universities etc.	€135
Representatives of non-profit organisations:	€ 75
Unwaged (e.g. students, pensioners)	€ 40

The fee includes morning tea/coffee, lunch and afternoon tea/coffee.

To reserve a place, please complete a registration form