

Seminar:

The Role of Local Government in the Ageing Agenda

Organised by **Co-operation Ireland's Local Authority Forum**

In association with the



European Year for **Active Ageing**
and **Solidarity between Generations 2012**



Date: Thursday, 3rd May, 2012

Venue: Armagh City Hotel

Aim of Seminar:

2012 is the **European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between the Generations**, which provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the role and contribution of an ageing population to society.

This seminar will explore the role and opportunities for local government in the ageing well agenda and will highlight examples of local government initiatives as well as providing opportunities for shared learning between colleagues in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Who Should Attend: This seminar is open to Councillors, Staff of Councils/Local Authorities, Agencies working with local government in the delivery of ageing well services and relevant NGO organisations.

There is no fee for this seminar.

To register your place, please email: pmadigan@cooperationireland.org with your name, title and organisation

Seminar Schedule:

12.00 – 12.50	Registration & light lunch
12.55 – 13.05	Welcome address by Minister of the Environment, Alex Attwood MLA
13.15 – 13.30	Introduction: Claire Keatinge , Northern Ireland’s Commissioner for Older People
13.30 – 14.00	<p><u>Setting the Context:</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Roger O’ Sullivan, Director Centre for Ageing Research & Development in Ireland “Ageing across Ireland, north and south – key considerations” Anne Connolly, Director The Ageing Well Network The role of the Ageing Well Network in translating the WHO Guidelines for an Age Friendly City into a programme tailored to work in an Irish context.
14.00 – 14.15	Questions & Answers
14.15 – 14.45	<p><u>Local Government Initiatives:</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conn Murray, County Manager, Louth Louth Age-Friendly County Initiative Cllr Bernie Kelly, Chair of All Party Reference Group on Older people, Belfast City Council Healthy Ageing Belfast, a partnership approach
Tea/coffee break	
15.00 – 16.00	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Chaired by Anne Connolly, Ageing Well Network</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
16.00 – 16.30	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p>Ronan Toomey, Department of Health & Children & Coordinator of the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between the generations, ROI</p>



PRESENTERS:

Claire Keatinge has been appointed as the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland and took up the post in November 2011. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland, Claire Keatinge was the Director of the Alzheimer's Society in Northern Ireland.

Dr. Roger O'Sullivan is the Director of CARDI. He has previously worked in Queen's University Belfast and the regional rural organisation, Rural Community Network. He is currently joint convener of the UK Funders Forum on Ageing, guest editor of the journal Quality in Ageing and Older Adults and was recently rapporteur for the Ditchley Foundation's international conference on the Impact of Ageing on Developed Economies.

Anne Connolly is the Director of the Ageing Well Network - an independent organisation which brings together heads of organisations and units across the ageing sector to reframe the agenda on ageing and act as a catalyst for change. It is funded by Atlantic Philanthropies. It operates a number of national initiatives such as the Age Friendly Counties Programme and OPRAH (Older People Remaining at Home)

Conn Murray's career commenced 30 years ago in his native County Meath. He has worked in nine different Local Authorities including Clonmel, Limerick City, and Cork City and was appointed City Manager in Waterford in September 2003. Conn held the position until September 2007, when he was appointed to his current position as Manager of Louth County Council.

Cllr Bernie Kelly, SDLP was elected as Councillor to represent the Balmoral Area in May 2005 and May 2011. Councillor Kelly was elected as Deputy Lord Mayor in June 2007 and currently serves on the following committees: Development Committee Parks and Leisure Committee (Deputy Chairman) Housing Forum as well as chairing the Belfast City Council, All Party Reference Group on Older people.