

1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES

BUILDING THE WHO GLOBAL NETWORK

28TH - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2011 - DUBLIN, IRELAND

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the conference are to:

i) Strengthen the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities by:

- securing the attendance of a broad range of senior managers from municipal authorities across the world, including those not yet involved with the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities
- creating meaningful opportunities for participants to meet and forge working relationships with people from other age-friendly cities initiatives
- agreeing the principles, priorities and modus operandi of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities

ii) Advance thinking and approaches on how to make cities more age-friendly by:

- providing useful presentations, case-studies, guidelines and other materials from leading-edge thinkers and leaders of successful initiatives
- considering models of how to address commonly shared challenges on the specific elements of the WHO Age-friendly approach (e.g. transport) and on implementing Age-friendly Cities programmes (e.g. formal recognition, accreditation, benchmarking)
- securing mayoral 'sign up' to a Dublin Declaration setting out the Principles of Age-friendly Cities

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The conference programme is built around three main themes: *Social and Cultural Connectivity*, *Built Environment* and *Building Momentum for the WHO Global Age-friendly Cities initiative*. It consists of plenary and concurrent workshop sessions. Each plenary session addresses one of the main themes. Each set of workshops focuses on various aspects of each of the three themes. This is to facilitate delegates who may wish to 'track' in a concentrated way one of the main themes of the conference through their participation in the concurrent workshops.

DRAFT PROGRAMME - WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2011



<i>TIME</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>DETAILS</i>
0930 - 1030	REGISTRATION URBAN VILLAGE EXHIBITION OPENS	PRESENTATIONS BY VARIOUS CITIES OF THEIR AGE-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES IN AN INFORMAL 'MARKETPLACE' ENVIRONMENT TEA/COFFEE
1030 - 1100	OPENING SESSION	OFFICIAL OPENING - AN TAOISEACH, ENDA KENNY, TD WELCOME ADDRESS - DR JOHN BEARD
1100 - 1230	OPENING KEYNOTE SPEECHES 'Leadership and the challenge of developing age-friendly cities' "Transforming a City: the experience of Medellin, Colombia" ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS	Ambassador James A Joseph , Professor of the Practice of Public Policy, Duke University, North Carolina and former US Ambassador to S. Africa Speaker from Medellin, tbc
1230 - 1400	OPENING CEREMONY: GLOBAL VILLAGE EXHIBITION LUNCH	PRESENTATIONS BY VARIOUS CITIES CONTINUE
1400 - 1530	PLENARY SESSION 1: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIVITY 'Strengthening social and cultural connectivity within communities' 'Place and identity: fostering engagement and a sense of belonging' ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS	Chris Phillipson , Professor of Applied Social Studies and Social Gerontology at the University of Keele, UK. Sheila Peace , Professor of Social Gerontology within the Faculty of Health and Social Care, The Open University, UK.
1530 - 1600	BREAK	TEA/COFFEE

1600 - 1730

4 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

SPEAKERS

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 1: BUILDING THE LEADERSHIP ROLE OF OLDER PEOPLE

- Involving older people in decision making
- Valuing older people
- Developing inclusive communities
- New social roles for older people in the 21st century

Possible speaker from project in Chennai, India (tbc)

Maureen Gaffney Adjunct Professor of Psychology and Society, University College Dublin

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 2: STRENGTHENING FACE TO FACE SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

- Solutions to loneliness and isolation
- Meeting information and communication needs

Tom Scharf, Professor of Social Gerontology and Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI Galway

Second speaker (tbc)

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 3: ACCESS, MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

- Transport as a solution to marginalisation
- The business community as a change agent
- Learning from successful and innovative initiatives

First speaker (tbc)

Second speaker from ARUP (tbc)

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 4: RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES

- Challenges and benefits
- Innovative developments and solutions

First speaker (tbc)

Second speaker (tbc)

1930 - 2030

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<i>TIME</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>DETAILS</i>
09.00-10.15	PLENARY SESSION 2: BUILT ENVIRONMENT	
	‘Shaping our cities creatively: promoting an age-friendly agenda’	Charles Landry , author and internationally recognised thinker and consultant on transforming cities and an international authority on creativity and the future of cities.
	‘What makes cities work for all of us as we age?’	Michael Mehaffy , noted researcher, author and consultant on cities, currently based at Arizona State University in Tempe, where he teaches at the Global Institute of Sustainability.
	ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS	
10.15 - 11.15	BREAK	TEA/COFFEE
	URBAN VILLAGE EXHIBITION	PRESENTATIONS BY VARIOUS CITIES CONTINUE
11.15 - 12.45	4 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS	SPEAKERS
	<i>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 1: PUBLIC SPACES</i>	First speaker (tbc)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reclaiming public spaces Safety and security 	Second speaker tbc)
	<i>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 2: IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES</i>	First speaker (tbc)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing an age-friendly Balanced Scorecard; other monitoring and evaluation tools Developing a Recognition Scheme Developing indicators 	Second Speaker , (tbc)	
<i>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 3: STRENGTHENING INTERGENERATIONAL LINKS</i>	Alan Hatton , Chief Executive, the Beth Johnson Foundation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the connectors between generations Sharing places and spaces 	Second Speaker, (tbc)	

	<p>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 4: HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT, ageing, health and the environment • Roadmaps and future directions 	<p>First speaker (tbc)</p> <p>Second speaker (tbc)</p>
12.45 - 14.00	<p>LUNCH</p>	
	<p>URBAN VILLAGE EXHIBITION</p>	<p>PRESENTATIONS BY VARIOUS CITIES CONTINUE</p>
14.00-15.15	<p>PLENARY SESSION 3: BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR THE WHO GLOBAL NETWORK</p> <p>‘Developing an age-friendly city’</p> <p>‘Developing a national network of age-friendly cities: approaches, challenges and solutions’</p> <p>‘Developing a national network of age friendly counties: a non-city based approach’</p> <p>ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS</p>	
		<p>Ruth Finkelstein, Vice President for Health Policy at New York Academy of Medicine.</p> <p>Co-ordinator from one of the national networks of age-friendly cities (tbc)</p> <p>Anne Connolly, Director The Ageing Well Network or Conn Murray, Louth County Manager.</p>
15.15 - 15.45	BREAK	TEA/COFFEE
15.45 - 17.15	<p>4 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS</p>	
	<p>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 1: BUILDING AN AGE-FRIENDLY CITY INITIATIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building multi-stakeholder alliances and embedding for sustainability • Building with a bottom-up approach 	<p>First speaker (tbc)</p> <p>Second speaker tbc)</p>
	<p>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 2: BUILDING A NATIONAL PROGRAMME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers, processes, structures and communications • Crucial enablers 	<p>Short presentations from a number of speakers outlining developments at national level e.g. Canada, Slovenia (tbc)</p>

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP
SESSION 3: AGE-FRIENDLY HOUSING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

First speaker (tbc)

Second speaker (tbc)

- Creating age-friendly housing and neighbourhoods
- Designing for older people in the developing world

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP
SESSION 4: BUILDING AGE-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

First speaker (tbc)

Second speaker (tbc)

- The challenges particular to developing countries

19.30 - 22.30

DUBLIN DECLARATION SIGNING CEREMONY

GALA NETWORKING RECEPTION

DRAFT PROGRAMME - FRIDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2011



TIME	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
08.30 - 09.30	GLOBAL VILLAGE EXHIBITION	PRESENTATIONS BY VARIOUS CITIES CONTINUE
09.30 - 10.15	PLENARY SESSION 4: BRINGING THE LEARNING BACK HOME	
	‘Building an International community of practice: learning from others’	Speaker (tbc)
	‘Developing agreed key indicators and exploring how to enable benchmarking across cities.’	Speaker (tbc)
	ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS	
10.15 - 10.45	BREAK	TEA/COFFEE
10.45 - 12.00	CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
	Delegates will meet initially in country/regional groups to discuss future developments in their own countries and the future of the Network.	
	They will also have the option to then ‘mix’ with other country/regional groups or topic based groups to explore the potential for further international collaboration.	
12.00 - 12.30	PANEL DISCUSSION AND CONFERENCE CLOSE	Panel members (tbc) Closing Speaker (tbc)
12.30 - 13.30	LUNCH	
14.00 - 19.30	VISIT TO AGE-FRIENDLY COUNTY INITIATIVE	DELEGATES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AN AGE-FRIENDLY COUNTY SITE, IN EITHER COUNTY LOUTH OR COUNTY KILKENNY.

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DELEGATES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THEIR STAY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 1ST GLOBAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING AGEING.

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