



Life Enhancement for Older People: Translating Research into Practice

Tuesday May 4th 2010

Galway Bay Hotel

10.30am to 3.30pm

The Irish Centre for Social Gerontology NUI Galway and COPE Galway Senior Support Services are co-hosting a participatory conference on Life Enhancement for Older People across the themes of participation and civic engagement, empowerment and advocacy. This event will have a special focus on how research can involve older people and be used by older people to benefit them. Group discussion will form a major part of the programme and will contribute to a short conference report.

The purpose of this Conference is:

- A) To present existing research on life enhancement for older people in an accessible format to older people.
- B) To provide older people with the opportunity to discuss participation in society, empowerment and advocacy.
- C) To demonstrate how research knowledge can enhance the voice of older people and to support their participation in advocacy and lobbying activities.

Speakers

Professor Eamon O'Shea, *Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, National University of Ireland Galway.*

What does participation mean for older people in Ireland today?

Dr. Cathy Bailey – *Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, National University of Ireland Galway.*

Participatory Policy Making: user forum and opening up dialogue between older people and service providers

Dr Una Lynch - *Changing Ageing Partnership, Queen's University Belfast*

Older, Louder and Stronger: Advocacy and the Changing Ageing Partnership

Who is this conference for:

This conference is for any older person with an interest in ageing and research on ageing in Ireland. While there is no fee for this conference, a voluntary contribution of € would be appreciated. To book a place at the conference please contact the following with your **name, telephone number, email and postal address:**

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