

**NEW DYNAMICS OF LEARNING AND AGEING
- RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE
National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM)**

Programme outline 20-22 March 2012

ARRIVALS AND PRE-CONFERENCE Tuesday 20 March

14.00-17.00 *Education in Later Life: Let's hear from the people:* a preconference participative event for anyone with an opinion on later life learning, hosted by Adult and Community Education, NUI Maynooth, EKWALS Project (see www.ekwals.eu). Facilitator, Michael Kenny. A report on this event will inform the two-day delegate conference that follows.

17.00-18.00 Conference registration and room allocation for those staying on St Patrick's campus.

18.00 DINNER in Refectory

19.30 Tour of historic campus

20.30 Social event / entertainment

DAY 1 Wednesday 21 March

09.15 Registration for day delegates

09.45 Welcome and introductions from NUI Maynooth and conference partners AEA, AAI, WEANI and New Dynamics of Ageing Research.

10.15 **Plenary session:** Keynote address PROF TOM SCHARF, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI Galway *Ageing, learning and the life course*, followed by discussion.

11.15 Break / refreshments

11.35 **Paper / presentation*** session I

12.45 LUNCH during which: viewing displays and networking; presentation on *International Journal of Education and Ageing*.

14.00 **Paper / presentation*** session II

15.10 **Plenary session:** *A European dimension* featuring contributions from Veronica Renisova, European Commission, on *European policy in lifelong learning and older learners*; and from Louise Richardson, Age Platform Europe, on *The European Year of Active Ageing – where does learning fit?*

16.15 Break / refreshments

16.30 **Plenary session:** Keynote address to celebrate the adult education legacy of Father Liam Carey, given by PROFESSOR TED FLEMING, NUI Maynooth. This event is open to the public.

17.30 Reception
18.00 DINNER
19.30 Social event / entertainment

DAY 2 Thursday 22 March

09.15 Registration for day delegates
09.45 Welcome and review

10.00 **Plenary session:** Keynote DR MARVIN FORMOSA, European Centre of Gerontology, University of Malta, *Missing voices in older adult education: Reaching the outsiders*, followed by discussion.

11.00 Break / refreshments

11.20 **Paper / presentation*** session III

12.30 LUNCH: viewing displays and networking; Authors' networking for writers in the field of later life learning, with Dr Marvin Formosa and others.

13.45 **Plenary session:** PROF SUE HALLAM, Institute of Education University of London, *Researching music in later life within the New Dynamics of Ageing Research Programme*, followed by discussion.

15.00 **Plenary session:** Panel and facilitated discussion, including contributions from: Older learners group – What have we made of it? What recommendations do we make?; Summarising the event – What messages and for who? (The EC, the European Year, ourselves?)

16.00 Close and refreshments

- **Paper/ presentation** sessions include a mix of academic and research papers, presentations on good practice and practical workshops, and demonstrations / performances from arts groups working with older people.
- Sessions cover: Learning through social engagement; learning through arts and creativity; learning about / through ICT; learning for the life-course; teaching and learning for older adults; impact of policy about learning (national and EU)
- Contributors from eight countries

