



The Best Way Forward

Inclusive communities

FOR OLDER PEOPLE

National Conference 2013

Wednesday 23rd October

The Convention Centre Dublin

Hosted by Respond! Housing Association in association with The Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUIG



Conference Programme:

9:30am to
10:30am

Registration with light refreshments served

(Conference delegates to browse information stands from various organisations invited by Respond!). Conference MC: Ned Brennan, Chief of Operations, Respond! Housing Association. Conference Chairperson: Carl O' Brien, Chief Reporter, Irish Times

10:30am

Opening Address: Patrick Cogan, ofm, Chief Executive Officer, Respond!

10:40am

Official launch of the Respond! Housing Association National Strategy for Older People 2013-2016, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Oisín Quinn

11:00am

"The importance of enabling older people to live independently for as long as possible"

Philip O'Reilly, National Co-ordinator of Services for Older People, Respond! Philip will introduce some Respond! residents to the conference and they will focus on how they live independently in their own homes with the help of Respond! and other statutory, community and voluntary agencies.

11:20am

"Inclusive Communities-opportunities and challenges in older age"

Professor Thomas Scharf and Doctor Áine Ní Léime, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI Galway

11:45am

"Perspectives on elder abuse in Ireland"

Doctor Amanda Phelan, Co-director National Centre for the Protection of Older People, University College Dublin

12:10pm

Imelda Byrne, ICA Bootcamp Programme, RTE

12:30pm

"Advocacy in action in Ireland today" Eamon Timmins, Head of Advocacy and Communications, Age Action Ireland

12:50pm

Lunch with music from Swingcats

1:30pm

"Rights and Entitlements of Older People: An Ombudsmans Perspective"

Bernadette McNally, Director General, Office of the Ombudsman

1:50pm

"The impact of Government Health Policy on Older People"

Dr. Sara Burke, Health Policy analyst, Journalist and Broadcaster on RTE Radio 1 Drivetime Programme

2:10pm

Dickie Rock, singer and entertainer

2:30pm

Concluding remarks and questions from the floor.

2:45pm

Sil Fox, comedian

3:00pm

Swing Cats Jazz Group

4:00pm

Close



Respond! is Ireland's leading housing association, established in 1982

Respond! believe in delivering housing for social investment rather than for financial profit and provide housing for almost 20,000 residents around Ireland. Homes are provided for individuals, families, the elderly, people who are living with a disability and also for some of the most vulnerable groups in society including those who have lived for long periods in hostels, temporary and insecure accommodation.

Respond! seek to create positive futures for people by alleviating poverty and creating vibrant, socially integrated communities. This is achieved by providing access to education, childcare, community development programmes, housing and other supports.

Respond! employ over 300 people who work creatively within a framework of shared values and social goals. The in-house team is spread throughout the country and includes architects, accountants, technical services officers, psychologists, nurses, as well as educational, research, finance, legal administrative, IT, childcare and resident support personnel.

Respond! Housing Association aims include:

- Establish and maintain socially integrated communities rather than simply providing just shelter or accommodation.
- Advance education among residents on our estates
- Promote other charitable purposes beneficial to the community
- Prevent and relieve hardship and distress amongst those who are living in adverse housing conditions.

Respond! believe in investing time and resources in initiatives that will benefit and generate outcomes that have long term benefits within our communities including:

- Community Development Programmes
- Childcare Services
- Family Supports
- Better Being - Mental Health Support Structure
- Youth Services
- Outreach Services
- Special Projects
- Older Person Projects
- Respond! College

Who should attend this conference?

- Anybody with an interest in advocacy and the independent living movement.
- People who are passionate about the rights and entitlements of Older People in society today.
- Respond! staff working in specific roles with older people throughout the country.
- Professionals from statutory, community and voluntary agencies in Ireland.
- All students with a particular interest in the field.



Conference Speakers



Carl O'Brien (Conference Chairperson)

Carl O'Brien is Chief Reporter for The Irish Times. He has won numerous awards for coverage of topics including health, politics and social affairs. He was previously the newspaper's social affairs correspondent and political correspondent for the Irish Examiner.



Philip O' Reilly, Respond!

Philip O' Reilly is the National Co-ordinator of Services for Older People with Respond! and has been with the organisation since 2009. Philip is an active advocate for the rights of Older People and is responsible for the overall delivery of the Respond! National Strategy for Older People. Prior to joining Respond!, Philip worked as an Advocacy Officer with Age Action in the south east region. Philip is a member of the Teaching Council of Ireland.



Lord Mayor of Dublin, Oisín Quinn

Lord Mayor of Dublin, Oisín Quinn was elected the 344th Lord Mayor of Dublin at the Annual City Council meeting held in City Hall on Monday 24th June 2013. He was first elected to represent the Rathmines Local Electoral Area (Dublin South East Constituency) of the City Council in the Local Election in 2004, and was re-elected to Pembroke-Rathmines in the 2009 Local Election.



Professor Thomas Scharf, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUIG

With a first degree in German and Politics from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and a doctorate in political science from Aston University, his research encompasses the fields of social gerontology, social policy and political science. Tom moved to NUI Galway in 2010 having previously been Director of the Centre for Social Gerontology, Keele University, UK.



Patrick Cogan ofm, CEO, Respond!

Patrick a Franciscan, is a founder-director of Respond! since 1982. He is also a director of Sivile, a Housing Association which Respond! set up in Kokstad, South Africa. He served for three terms, as a Ministerial appointee, on the benchmarking Quality Action and Performance Verification Groups of the Local Authority sector and has just completed his fourth term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Housing Finance Agency.



Dr. Áine Ní Léime, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUIG

Áine Ní Léime currently holds the position of post-doctoral researcher in the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology since January, 2010. Prior to that, she was a researcher at ICSG since April, 2006. She has an MA in Economics from NUI Galway and was awarded a PhD in Sociology from the University of Dublin, Trinity College in 2010 for a thesis entitled 'Decision-making among older workers in the Irish Civil Service'. Áine holds a BA in Economics and Sociology with a concentration on women's studies from NUI Galway.



Ned Brennan, Conference MC

Ned is Chief Operations Officer of Respond! with responsibility for human resources, production, special projects, customer care, education and estate management. Ned was a member of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government Working Group for the Co-operative & Voluntary Sector from 2002 to 2009. Ned is currently a member of the Board of the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH).



Dr. Amanda Phelan, National Centre for the Protection of Older People, UCD

Dr. Amanda Phelan is a lecturer and Subject Head of Older People Nursing in the School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems and a Co-Director in the National Centre for the Protection of Older People at UCD. Amanda has worked as a nurse and public health nurse with older people in both long term care and care in the community.



Imelda Byrne, ICA Bootcamp, RTE Programme

Imelda is from Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow and a member of the ICA Tullow Guild. She first joined the ICA in 1978. She deplores the demise of hat wearing. On young people today she says "There's no real elegance any more. Elegance has got to be thought about. It's all prettiness and immediate, dolly bird appeal today. Not enough people own a full length mirror."



Eamon Timmins, Age Action

Eamon Timmins is Head of Advocacy and Communications with Age Action. A graduate of the College of Commerce Rathmines and the University of Leicester, he worked as a journalist for 19 years before joining Age Action.



Bernadette McNally, Director General, Office of the Ombudsman

In April 2012 Bernadette McNally was appointed as Director General to the Office of the Ombudsman, Office of the Information Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information, the Secretariat to the Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPOC) and the Office of the Commission for Public Service Appointments.



Dr. Sara Burke, Health Policy Analyst and Journalist

Dr Sara Burke is a health policy analyst, journalist, and research fellow in Trinity College Dublin.

She is currently researching what happens to health systems during economic crises, monitoring the impact of austerity on the Irish health system, identifying resilience in the system and the opportunities for transformation. Sara has a weekly health slot on RTE Radio 1's Drivetime programme and a fortnightly column in the Medical Independent.



Dickie Rock, Singer and Entertainer

Dickie Rock is one of Ireland's most loved and recognised singers and still attracts a huge following of fans from all around the world. He has been performing and packing out venues throughout Ireland and Europe for over fifty years and is still going as strong as ever! As Dickie says himself: "Music is in my blood. I could never imagine doing anything else."

Entertainment



Sil Fox, Comedian

Better known as 'Mr. Comedy Himself', Sil is a joke machine. He's probably best known for appearances on The Late Late Show and RTE's Funny Friday on Liveline with Joe Duffy and Co.



Swing Cats Band

The Swing Cats Band is steeped in the music of the Rat Pack and Jive Swing era. They are a classy act immersed in the era of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr and other classic singers of the era.

Directions to the Convention Centre Dublin

The Convention Centre is situated in Spencer Dock on Dublin's North Wall Quay. It is less than fifteen minutes from Dublin's two mainline railway stations (Connolly and Heuston) and Bus Áras which serve all the major towns and cities in Ireland. The easiest way to get to the Convention Centre is on the Luas Red Line. There is a Luas Red Line directly outside Heuston Station, Connolly Station and Bus Áras.

Take the red line tram to the Point Depot and disembark at the Spencer Dock stop. The Convention Centre is directly in front of the Spencer Dock stop. There will be Respond! Housing Association members of staff who will be clearly visible at all stations directing delegates to the conference for your convenience.

Parking at the Convention Centre

The Convention Centre underground car park has 320 spaces and is situated to the rear of the building. The cost of parking is €3 per hour or €15 for the whole day. Please note that conference delegates are liable for this cost should they wish to use the car park.



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How to book a place at the Conference:

The conference is free of charge but you must register with Respond! Housing Association to secure your place. Places are very limited so we will not be able to accommodate people who haven't previously registered. Admission to the conference will be by ticket only.

There are three ways you can reserve your place at the conference:

1. By phone: You can call Katie Murphy in the Respond! Housing Association Offices at (01) 8087712. Katie will take all of your details over the phone and will send you the tickets in the post if there are places available.
2. By email: You can email your details to: katie.murphy@respond.ie and express an interest in attending the conference.
3. By booking form: You can detach and fill out the booking form below and post it to Katie Murphy, Respond! Housing Association Offices, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

Reservation and Booking Form:

(please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Landline No.: _____

Email: _____

Job Title: _____

Organisation: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____
