Social Exclusion

and

Ageing in Diverse Rural Communities

A research colloquium convened by the Healthy Ageing in Rural Communities Network

in the

The Council Chamber,
Lanyon Building,
Queen's University Belfast

on

Thursday 23rd February 2012
Background
The Healthy Ageing in Rural Communities Network (HARC) draws its membership from the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology at National University of Ireland Galway, the Institute of Spatial and Environmental Planning at Queen’s University Belfast, Rural Community Network, Public Health Agency (Northern Ireland) and FORUM Connemara. Funding awarded to HARC by the Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland (CARDI) has allowed for the completion of two major studies on aspects of rural ageing across the island of Ireland. This colloquium provides an opportunity to share the findings that have emerged from the current research project titled "Social Exclusion and Ageing in Diverse Rural Communities". Work carried out in other jurisdictions, outside the island of Ireland, will contribute additional insights for policy and practice related to rural ageing and social exclusion.

Programme

09.15am  Registration and coffee

Welcome and the research funding context
Dr. Roger O’Sullivan, Director, CARDI

10.00am  Colloquium Chair
Michael Hughes, Director, Rural Community Network

10.15am  Age-related rural exclusion: findings from Northern Ireland and Ireland
Dr. Kieran Walsh, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI Galway

Evaluation and indicators of change for the Strategy for Older People in Wales
Professor Vanessa Burholt, Director, Centre for Innovative Ageing, Swansea University

10.30am  Older people and social exclusion in rural Scotland
Dr. Michael Murray, Institute of Spatial and Environmental Planning, Queen’s University Belfast

Towards convergence: a policy agenda for social exclusion and ageing in diverse rural communities
Professor Eamon O’Shea, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI Galway

11.00am  Discussion

11.15am  Concluding comments
Brendan Bonner, Manager, Investing for Health Initiative, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland

12.00noon  Colloquium closes

Attendance is free of charge but advance registration is necessary.
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