

National Updates

Two Irish Airports become the First Age Friendly Airports in the World

At a Ceremony today Minister Hildegarde Naughton formally launched Ireland West Airport Knock and Shannon Airport as the first Airports to receive official recognition from the World Health Organisation (WHO) as the first Age Friendly Airports in the World. Minister Naughton also launched the Age Friendly Airport Guidelines which can be used as a template for other airports and transport hubs in Ireland and internationally as a replicable model.

Irish airports, Shannon Airport and Ireland West airport, have today become the first airports in the world to be recognised as Age Friendly airports by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Both airports were officially launched as Age Friendly Airports, certified by the WHO, at a ceremony in Ireland West Airport, officiated by Hildegarde Naughton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport.



Age Friendly Airport guidelines were drafted for certification by the World Health Organisation, based on walkability studies and reports carried out at the two airports.

Congratulating the airports, Hildegarde Naughton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport said:

“Ireland has taken an international lead in making the airport environment age friendly and we now look forward to sharing this learning with other airports around the world. Making sure that airport facilities are Age Friendly is an effective way to enhance their accessibility and usability for everyone. It ensures that domestic passengers feel confident in organizing a trip abroad and it makes Ireland more attractive as a destination to older travellers from other countries.”

The airports have worked closely with Age Friendly Ireland and their respective local authorities to enhance their services for older people.

[Read the full press release by clicking here](#)



**Councillor Michael Smyth,
Cathaoirleach Mayo County
Council**



A SPOTLIGHT ON AGE FRIENDLY IRELAND | POLICY TO PRACTICE | WEBINAR 7 - Civic Participation and Employment

On Tuesday, 14th June, we broadcasted our 7th International Webinar live from the beautiful Solstice Arts Centre, Navan. Our speakers were:

- **Bairbe Nic Aongusa:** Assistant Secretary – Community Development, Department of Rural and Community Development
- **Ian Talbot:** Chief Executive – Chambers Ireland
- **Oralith Carmody:** Principal Advisor – Age Friendly Business Programme
- **Anne Rizzo:** Regional Programme Manager – Age Friendly Ireland
- **Emer Coveney:** National Programme Manager – Age Friendly Ireland

We also had a great panel discussion as we were joined by Ciara Bates (Department of Rural and Community Development), Orlaith Carmody (Principal Advisor – Age Friendly Business Programme), Ian Talbot (Chief Executive – Chambers Ireland) and Sean Craven (Just Transitions Programme).



[You can rewatch the webinar on YouTube by clicking here](#)

Ireland's Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards 2022

Submit your Age Friendly Project or Initiative **NOW** to be in with a chance to receive National Recognition (closing date for applications 30th June 2022)

This year the Awards Event is being hosted by **Clare County Council** and will be held on **27th October in Dromoland Castle**



Ireland's Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards 2022

Are you involved in a project that benefits Older People or makes your community more Age Friendly?

Register for our Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards to be in with a chance of receiving National Recognition for your Project.

[Click here for more information and to submit your application](#)



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meath county council

With live events cancelled all around the world during the Covid pandemic, the Age Friendly Ireland shared service, hosted by Meath County Council, is thrilled to announce that we are back and looking forward to our first live awards event since 2019. Each year a local authority hosts the awards and we are excited to reveal that Clare County Council are hosting the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards for 2022 on 27th October in Dromoland Castle, County Clare.

The primary aim of these awards is to recognise and reward achievement in age friendly initiatives around Ireland. We are calling for organisations, individuals/members of the public, agencies and communities to submit applications on projects or programmes that they consider to be age friendly, especially those initiatives that have supported older people throughout the pandemic.

This year, eight categories of awards, aligning to the WHO themes, have been chosen as they have a meaningful impact on the lives of older people in Ireland – Age Friendly Transport, Active & Healthy Ageing, Business Innovation, Safety & Security, Communication, Community Innovation, Environment, Housing.

To apply please click on the link below:

<https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/LDTVSL3>

For more information please visit our website, click the link below:

<https://agefriendlyireland.ie/agefriendlyawards2022/>





Living well in later life is important for all of us. Older people's expectations are changing. The 'new old' are healthier, more active, and more technologically engaged. To meet these changing expectations requires a wider mix of age friendly housing options and healthcare supports to suit diverse lifestyles. This website provides resources, guidance and links to other sources of information to support people to live well as they age. Here you will find information on new and existing homes, grants and funding, healthcare, design information, technology, public realm, regulations, policy and research. It is now also home to our weekly Telehealth Blog.

[You can view the website by clicking here](#)

QPS Talktime Invitation: Translating Quality Improvement into Practice - Step by step

21 June 2022 @13:00



An Stiúirthóireacht um Ardchaighdeáin agus Sábháilteacht Othar
Oifig an Phríomhoifigigh Cliniciúil

National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate
Office of the Chief Clinical Officer

Speakers:

- **Dr Patricia White**, End-of-Life Care Co-ordinator in Naas General Hospital,
- **Zara Dagg**, End-of-Life Care Coordinator in the Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore and the Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise,
- **Mary Moroney**, Staff Nurse at Our Lady's Hospital and Care Services, Harold's Cross,
- **Dr Mary Browne**, Specialist in Public Health Medicine and Clinical lead for the QPS Education team within the National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate,
- **Margaret Codd**, Facilitator with the National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate and **Dr John Fitzsimons**, Clinical Director with the National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate and Consultant Paediatrician at Children's Health Ireland, Temple Street.

Date: Tuesday 21 June @13:00
Event number: 2734 214 3340
Event password: JOINUP
Dial-in: (01) 5260058 (Ireland) +44-20-7660-8149 (UK)
when prompted enter access code: 2734 214 3340#

We invite you to pre-register at this address and follow the instructions: <https://bit.ly/3sYrjPA>

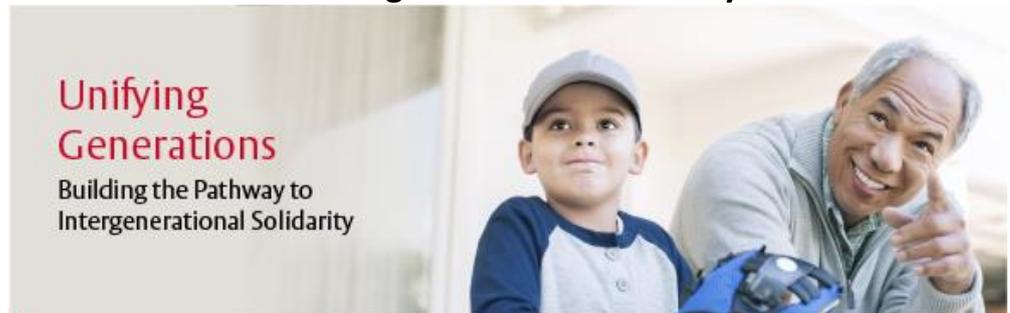
If this is your first time using Cisco WebEx:

- Open your Webinar joining link in the **Google Chrome** web browser
- Click "Run a temporary application" on the webpage pictured
- Once finished, click the downloaded .exe file in the lower left of your screen
- On the newly opened window, click "Run"
- You should now be joining the webinar



Edwards

INVITATION: Unifying Generations - Building the Pathway to Intergenerational Solidarity



Date: 21st June 2022

Time: 10:00-11:15 CET

Venue: Townhall Europe, Brussels (see more [here](#)) – also accessible online

Register [here](#) to attend online or in person

About the event

The European population is ageing. By 2040, 155 million people are expected to be over 65. This demographic change means, for the first time, four generations share a longer lifespan together. This evolution is often referred to as a challenge, but this ignores the considerable benefits that society can gain from an experienced, active, and engaged third generation. Above all else, this group can play an important role in building greater intergenerational cohesion.

As we emerge from the pandemic, does intergenerational conflict still exist and how has this been impacted after the last two years? What role does the senior population play in society? What can we do to enhance intergenerational cohesion?

Building on insights from a survey conducted among **12,000 citizens across 6 European nations**, this one-of-a-kind event will involve a panel of experts in the field of intergenerational solidarity, demographic change, and healthy ageing, who will be discussing the results from the report and proposing solutions on how to build a stronger society for all ages.

On the day

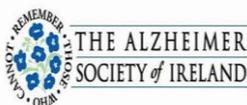
This one-of-a-kind event will be joined by a panel of pan-European experts and researchers in the field of healthy ageing and demographic change:

- **Jean-Luc Lemerrier,**
Corporate Vice President EMEACLA, Edwards Lifesciences
- **Adrienne McCann,**
Research Manager, Innovation Value Institute, Maynooth University/Age Friendly Ireland
- **Catherine Elliott O'Dare,**
Assistant Professor in Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin
- **Guillaume Fowler,**
Student, Sciences Po Paris

Join us on the **21st of June from 10:00-11:15 CET** for this event, which will take place virtually and in-person in Brussels. Register your attendance online or in-person by clicking the link below:

<http://bettersciencebetterhealth.com/unifying-generations-building-the-pathway-to-intergenerational-solidarity/>

AIM-WARM (Age-Inclusive Maynooth - Walk and Recall Memories) project - We are currently looking for participants!



We are interested in hearing from older adults (**65 years old, or more**) living with **early-stage Alzheimer's**, who would like to share some of their precious memories in local places, such as of the Canal, but also personal life experiences, like a first visit to the recent Maynooth town Train Station.

This four-week project is also a way for older adults to meet new people and have a chat with a small group each week, in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and more importantly, a safe environment. One group will be walking in Maynooth town to elicit strong memories by seeing in-person historical sites.

We are looking for **active adults who would enjoy short walks** (maximum 1000m). The three members of our team are all garda vetted and trained to work with older adults living with dementia. Everyone who participates in our project will receive a certificate of recognition, a logo-branded hi-vis vest with their name, and (hopefully!) a small group of local friends.

Please do not hesitate to share this project with people you know who might be interested, or even organizations that could help us.

Thank-you so much for helping us to make everyone feel included in our precious community of Maynooth, and for contributing to the progress of our knowledge about dementia, which is a major public health concern today. Please feel free to contact us by e-mail (Richard.Roche@mu.ie), or by phone 087 398 5702 if you are interested, or if you would like to hear more about it!

The outcomes from the AIM-WARM work will help us design our next precious project the **Tailored Reminiscence Interventions for Ageing and Dementias in Community Settings (TRIADICS)**.

This project, funded by the IRC Coalesce, will investigate the potential benefits to cognition and psychological well-being aspects using tailored, co-created interventions. These may include exercise, meditation, breathwork and group reminiscence meetings for older adults and people living with dementias, including Alzheimer’s disease and Semantic Dementia.

New UN Decade of Healthy Ageing publication on the abuse of older people: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2022



Abuse of older people: a hidden problem

- Every year, 1 in 6 people aged 60 years & older experience some form of abuse.
- 2 in 3 staff in institutions such as nursing homes have committed abuse in the past year.
- RATES OF ABUSE have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ABUSE leads to severe physical & mental health, financial & social consequences.
- Abuse of older people is expected TO INCREASE given the rapidly ageing population of people aged 60 years & older.

5 Priorities to tackle abuse of older people

- **Combat ageism** as it is a major reason why the abuse of older people receives so little attention.
- **Generate more and better data** to raise awareness of the problem.
- **Develop and scale up cost-effective solutions** to stop abuse of older people.
- **Make an investment case** focusing on how addressing the problem is money well spent.
- **Raise funds** as more resources are needed to tackle the problem.

The abuse of older people, also known as elder abuse, is a serious problem that has received too little attention for far too long.

A new publication outlines how the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030) offers a sustained opportunity for a step change in how abuse of older people

is tackled. This new document outlines five priorities to prevent and respond to abuse of older people:

- combat ageism;
- generate more and better data on prevalence and on risk and protective factors;
- develop and scale up cost-effective solutions;
- make an investment case for addressing the issue; and
- raise funds to tackle the issue

[See the new publication by clicking here](#)

Nominations extended to 30 June: get involved with the Healthy Ageing 50

Are you, or someone you know, a leader transforming the world to be a better place to grow older? **Good news: the call for nominations for the [Healthy Ageing 50](#) has been extended to 30 June 2022!**

The Healthy Ageing 50 is a new UN Decade of Healthy Ageing initiative aiming to celebrate leaders who have contributed to fostering healthy ageing in their respective areas of work – whether within administrations, organizations, universities, businesses, local communities, and more.

Nominations can be made in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), or [Russian](#). The Healthy Ageing 50 will be announced by a high-level UN panel in September 2022.



[Click here to learn more and make a nomination](#)



Judging panel update for 'How We Age' photography competition

The Institute of Public Health (IPH) is launching a new '**How We Age**' photography competition to capture the lived experiences of older people in Ireland and Northern Ireland today.



Supported by the Irish Photographic Federation (IPF) and Northern Ireland Photographic Association (NIPA), the '**How we age – Staying Active, Staying Social, Staying Connected**' photography competition is all about changing and challenging how ageing and older people are often portrayed.

The Institute of Public Health (IPH) is delighted to announce details of the judging panel for the 'How We Age' photography competition.

The all-island competition, which hopes to change how older people are portrayed in Ireland and Northern Ireland, was launched in April and remains open for entries until 30 June.

The Institute is delighted that Eddie Lynch, Commissioner for Older People in Northern Ireland, Tara Byrne, Arts Programme Manager, Age & Opportunity, and Robin Webster, former CEO of Age Action in Ireland, will join Professor Roger O'Sullivan, IPH Director Of Ageing Development and Research, and Maresa Fagan, IPH Communications Officer on the panel of judges for this competition.

The competition is free to enter and open to residents of Ireland and Northern Ireland over the age of 18.

It seeks to capture the lived experiences of older people and is seeking images that show older people enjoying life and doing everyday activities.

Under the themes of 'Staying Active, Staying Social, Staying Connected', images should portray older people in an authentic and inclusive way - regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, politics, culture, ability, income, or post code.

The Institute welcomes submissions from photographers of all abilities.

To find out more about the 'How We Age' photography competition, please visit www.publichealth.ie/photo for terms and conditions, submission

guidelines, and consent forms.

Any queries about this competition can be emailed to communications@publichealth.ie.

[Click here to enter and to learn more](#)



Financial institutions and identification

Before you open an account with a financial institution such as a bank, building society or credit union, they must establish proof your identity and verify your address. This requirement is set down in [anti-money laundering legislation](#).

Proof of identity

The bank can request any of the following documents as proof of identity:

- A valid passport
- A current Irish driving licence
- A National Age Card (issued by An Garda Síochána)
- An identification form with a photograph signed by a member of An Garda Síochána

Proof of address

The bank can request any of these documents as proof of your address:

- A current utility bill (such as a gas, electricity or telephone or mobile phone bill)
- A current car or home insurance policy that shows your address
- A document issued by a government department that shows your address
- A copy of your Tax Credit Certificate (TCC)
- A Statement of Liability (previously P21) from Revenue
- A social insurance document (that shows your address)
- A letter from your employer or licensed employment agency stating that you have recently arrived in Ireland and have started work but cannot yet provide evidence of your Irish address (you will have to provide evidence of your address at a later date)

- [You can learn more on this topic by clicking here](#)
- [For Bank of Ireland's details on proof of identification, click here.](#)
- [For AIB's details on proof of identificiton, click here.](#)

Local Updates

Yarn Social Day Club in Bruff



We offer day club services for people living with dementia or memory impairment. Now that life is reopening we have a limited number of places available and I have attached our flyer for distribution.

The club provides these services Monday to Thursday to those living with dementia or diagnosed with memory impairment in Limerick and surrounding

counties. Our club provides a safe supported environment for our members to actively participate in everyday accomplishments to the best of their cognitive and physical abilities. Supported by a dedicated team it is a hub of caring compassionate support enabling our members to live their best life for as long as possible.

Our activity schedule focuses on putting smiles on faces while stimulating the mind and body. With a wide variety of activities ranging from movement therapy, choir, art & crafts, dancing, bingo, day outings, storytelling and gardening we offer something to suit all personalities.

Our focus is on creating an environment supporting our members specific needs and requirements, putting smiles on faces while stimulating their mind and body.

We may not be able to change the outcome, but we can change the journey.



YARN SOCIAL DAY CLUB

**Our Club offers services four days a week,
Monday to Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm
to those living with dementia or
diagnosed with cognitive impairment.**

**Supported by a team of dedicated staff and offering
a wide variety of activities:**

**Art, Dancing, Gardening, Gentle Exercise, Bingo,
Cards, Crafts, Choir, Outings, Personal Care...**

Places are limited....

For further information contact:

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Your Voice



We've heard about so much good work going on all around the country, please let us know what's happening in your area so we can share those innovative ideas with everyone.

Please email us your news to us at agefriendlyireland@meathcoco.ie for inclusion in our weekly newsletter

International Updates



International
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IFA Global Cafe | In Conversation with Dr Thomas O. Mottl on "Aging in Place: The Words, The Idea and The Concept".

The International Federation on Ageing held a Global Cafe event this morning called – In Conversation with Dr Thomas O. Mottl on "Aging in Place: The Words, The Idea and The Concept".



A recording of this event will be available on the Federation's website <https://ifa.ngo/ifa-global-cafe/> and <https://drbarometer.com/community/resource-library>

Useful Contacts and Info

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HSE Advice Line: Callsave 1850 24 1850

Call from 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday