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**15th August 2024**

## National Updates



### **Have Your Say! Public Consultation on Taxi Fares closes Friday 16 August**

The Maximum Taxi Fare Review 2024 proposes a weighted average increase of 9% over current fares, together with:

The extension of the Special Tariff (already in existence over the Christmas Holiday period) across the late-night weekend periods of midnight to 4am to incentivise increased taxi services at that peak; and

An increase in the Booking Fee from €2.00 to €3.00 to incentivise suburban and rural service provision.

NTA invites submissions from all interested parties including users and providers until Friday 16th August 2024.

[Find out more >](#)



The graphic features a portrait of Dr. Emer Coveney on the left. To the right, the text reads: "if Global Café in conversation with experts". Below this, the title of the session is "DEVELOPING AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES". The date and time are listed as "9 August 2024" and "07:00 AM EDT". At the bottom right, it says "a contribution to the Decade of healthy ageing".

### IFA Global Cafe Interview with Dr. Emer Coveney

The International Federation on Ageing [IFA] is an international non-governmental organisation (NGO) whose members are government, NGOs, academia, industry, and individuals in nearly 80 countries. IFA believes that all these members working together are essential to help shape and influence policy and good practices. The IFA hosts a weekly 'global café' where speakers put a spotlight on different topics. Last week, the processes used to develop age friendly communities in Ireland was the focus of the global café. Many thanks to all the OPC Members and others who took part and contributed to the lively interactive session.

[Watch the interview >](#)



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## Sharing “Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community” blogs from Creative Ireland

In February 2024, the Creative Ireland Programme invited applications from Local Authorities for grant funding for projects supporting Health and Wellbeing through Creativity across 2024 and 2025. The call encouraged collaboration with neighbouring Local Authorities. 15 Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community projects were successful. These include four all-island projects supported as part of the Shared Island Initiative, which will see Local Authorities work with partners in Northern Ireland. Over the coming weeks we will share a series of blogs from Creative Ireland, giving details of these exciting and important projects as they get underway.

### Blog #1 - Let's Get Social DLR

[View Blog Here >](#)



## HIQA publishes rapid assessment of immunisation against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in Ireland

RSV is a highly contagious virus that infects the lungs and upper airways and is transmitted by coughing, sneezing or breathing. This virus spreads every winter, with the RSV season in Ireland typically running from October to March.

[Find out more >](#)



The Housing Agency has been working on a number of different actions under the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People. One of these actions is the delivery of an accessible website which

went live on 1st August.

The Home and Supports Hub is a tool for people to find information on housing and supports that they may need to access independent living.

[Find out more >](#)



### **Arthritis Ireland - Advocating for yourself at healthcare appointments**

Engaging with the healthcare system can be fraught with difficulties at the best of times, but especially if you are someone living with a chronic condition. This is not just due to the strain on our system, but also the result of a general lack of awareness when it comes to recognising the signs and symptoms of the many forms of arthritis. To read the full blog, please click on the button.

[Find out more >](#)



## UCD is celebrating 75 years of Lifelong Learning.

A free Taster Lecture will be held from 20th August until 22nd August, where they will show a glimpse of what studying at UCD has to offer. They are delivering a wide range of courses in areas such as History, Maths, Literature, Irish Studies, to name a few.

[Find out more >](#)

## Local Updates



### The 1924 Tailteann Games: 100 Years Since the Irish Olympics with Paul Rouse

Wexford Library are happy to announce that Paul Rouse will be in their Library on Thursday, 15th August on an in-person event, the Irish Olympics which will mark the

100th year anniversary.

[Find out more >](#)



Hear about how textiles connect us, historical routes from the first domesticated sheep and wool trade to modern day Woolcraft and how all of this was joined by a worldwide network of shepherds, mills, spinners, weavers, artisans and crafters.

**Join Wexford Library on Thursday, August 22, 2024 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

[Find out more >](#)



TFI Local Link in Mayo have 4 routes that can be booked either by phone or email.

They have 2 routes on Thursdays and 2 routes on Fridays.

For more information, please click on the button below.

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## International Updates

 A promotional banner for a 'Global Café' event. On the left is a portrait of Dr. Alejandro Bonilla Garcia. The main text reads 'Global Café in conversation with experts' and '“NUMBERS, NORMS, AND LEGISLATION: CHAMPIONING OLDER PERSONS IN GLOBAL PENSION POLICIES”'. Below this, it says '16 AUGUST 2024' and '07:00 AM EDT'. At the bottom right, it says 'a contribution to the Decade of healthy ageing'.
 

**Dr. Alejandro Bonilla Garcia**  
Chair at the NGO Committee on Ageing, Geneva  
IFA UN Representative

**Global Café**  
in conversation with experts

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## IFA Global Cafe | In conversation with Dr. Alejandro Bonilla Garcia

IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Dr. Alejandro Bonilla Garcia on “Numbers, Norms, and Legislation: Championing older Persons in Global Pension Policies.”

16 August 2024, 07:00 A.M. EDT (US and Canada)

[Find out more >](#)



### 5 tips to challenge ageism in your images by Ageing Better

When we use photos of older people, it's important to avoid stereotypes and outdated ideas.

How they are represented as they grow older can have a profound impact on other people's beliefs as well as our own, as we often internalise the negative misconceptions about ageing that they are bombarded with everyday.

[Find out more >](#)

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