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**15th November 2024**

## National Updates



### Winners of the 2024 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards Revealed

An age-and-climate-friendly village in Kildare and a Halloween safety initiative by An Garda Síochána in Kerry were among the winners of the 2024 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards. Announced at the 8th annual awards on 7th November, the winning projects were chosen for their exceptional contribution to making Ireland an outstanding place to grow older.

MCed by RTÉ star Marty Whelan and hosted this year by Fingal County Council at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northwood, Santry, Dublin. See the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards winners by clicking below.

Find out more >







### Adult Safeguarding Day Awareness



As part of Adult Safeguarding Day 2024, the Age Friendly Ambassadors supported the need for older adults to 'Get Informed and Prevent Financial Abuse', which was the focus of this years initiative.

[Learn More >](#)



### **AFISS Present at Chartered Institute of Housing All Island Summit**

Delighted that our National Technical Manager Declan Gaffney presented at the Chartered Institute of Housing All Island Summit on 14th November, moderated by Professor Paddy Gray, in Belfast. Ireland's ageing population require a range of housing options across the housing continuum. Age Friendly Ireland were delighted to share practical examples and case studies of wonderful age friendly developments providing options for older people to right size as they age and responding to the better use of our housing stock. Working towards Programme for Governments vision of an Age Friendly Ireland we need to ensure that our housing and built environments are accessible for people of all ages and abilities and sustainable to meet the growing needs of our ageing demographic.



## **World Health Organization**

### **ATA-C in Ireland | Invitation from WHO to Participate in an Assistive Technology User Consultation Meeting**

The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe is currently completing a national assessment of assistive technology provision in Ireland, as

requested by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration, and Youth. As part of this assessment, it is very important to us that we hear directly from assistive technology service providers about their experiences, as well as assistive technology users and their families, carers, and supporters.

[Find out more >](#)

### Ireland’s Deposit Return Scheme and Reverse Vending Machines

O’ Herlihy Access Consultancy (OHAC) in partnership with Re-turn, are conducting research into the accessibility of the Deposit Return Scheme in Ireland.

OHAC and Re-turn want to know about your experiences with the Deposit Return Scheme and your use of the reverse vending machines. There are two surveys available to submit your feedback, a standard survey, and an easy-to-read survey.

The surveys will close on the 22nd of November 2024 at 11.45pm.



[Find out more >](#)





## Community Champion Get Together - SAVE THE DATE 4th December 2024 from 12.30-13.45 ( On-Line)

The Dementia: Understand Together campaign aims to inspire individuals, organisations and community groups to take actions to make our communities dementia inclusive.

Over 40 national partners and 1200 local community champions are supporting the campaign. If you are interested in getting involved and learn more about the things you can do in your organisation or community, the campaign is holding an online Community Champion lite bite session in December 2024.

This will be a practical session with information on activities, resources and engagement with stakeholders.

If you wish to join this get-together please email [understandtogether@hse.ie](mailto:understandtogether@hse.ie)



### Research study on the out of hours experiences of older people discharged from the Emergency Department

\* Are you 75 years of age or over?

\*Attended an Emergency Department in the Republic of Ireland in the past three years?

\*Were discharged home between 17.30pm and 8am, or during the weekend/public holidays?

\*A relative, friend or carer of an older adult who attended during these times who is unable to participate or has since deceased?

**Emergency Department**



**We want to hear from you and find out your experiences.**

With consent we can arrange to phone you and ask you some questions regarding your discharge from the emergency department.

If you are interested, and want more information please contact Mary on 087 4098900 or email [Dunnion-M1@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:Dunnion-M1@ulster.ac.uk) for more information. Principal Investigator: Dr. Debbie Goode ([d.goode@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:d.goode@ulster.ac.uk)).



## The Age Friendly University Christmas Lunch

The AFU Christmas lunch has been arranged for Wednesday December 11th in the 1838 Restaurant on the DCU Glasnevin Campus from 12.30 - 2.30pm.

The 3 course lunch costs €35.00 per person and includes a free raffle.

The 1838 is located in the Albert College building over to the left of the main student canteen.

It is located on the 1st floor and there is lift access. We will have notices across campus.

The last day for bookings is Thursday 28th November as places are limited.

Please complete this form if you would like to attend

<https://forms.gle/c2ZqJ9GHyMZwAzpY8>



## Siel Bleu Ireland Recruitment: Mayo

Siel Bleu Ireland are looking to hire a trainer in County Mayo on a part time basis initially with a view to the role becoming a full-time position.

If you know of anyone interested, can you please share this position with them. Here is a link to the role description. Applications can be submitted directly through indeed.oe or by sending a CV and cover letter to [info@sielbleu.ie](mailto:info@sielbleu.ie)

### Invitation to Take Part in Research on Fire Evacuation from Homes



A researcher from Atlantic Technical University’s Department of Engineering, Eoin O’Dowd, is inviting older people to respond to a survey for his study on Evacuation of Homes in relation to fire emergencies. This study is examining the design principles underpinning the means of escape of homes in Ireland, and evaluating the adequacy of means of escape for all people living in the home. For more information click below.

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## Local Updates

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Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

AGE FRIENDLY  
LOUTH INVITE YOU  
TO THE BARBICAN  
CENTRE DROGHEDA  
ON 28TH NOVEMBER

Age Friendly  
LOUTH

We want your ideas on projects to help tackle ageism in Drogheda, such as creative arts projects, intergenerational projects, awareness raising campaigns etc.

Come along and share your ideas with us.

SAGE advocacy will also give a presentation on their services and supports locally.

REFRESHMENTS AND LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

CONTACT 042 9324389  
OR EMAIL  
AGEFRIENDLY@LOUTHCOCO.IE  
TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE

### Challenging Ageism in Drogheda, Co Louth

Age Friendly Louth are holding their final age friendly event of 2024 in the Barbican Centre Drogheda on Thursday 28th November from 11.00am -1.30pm. The theme of the event is challenging ageism in Drogheda and it is a follow on event from a workshop held earlier this year in which older people in Drogheda and south Louth were asked to discuss the theme of ageism and ageing in Co Louth.

[Find out more >](#)



## Join the Cavan Older Adult's Drop in Information Sessions

Cavan Older People's Drop-in Information Sessions are recommencing on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Event Space in Johnston Central Library, Farnham Street, Cavan. These sessions are open to all older members of the community to join and you are welcome to attend sessions on all topics you are interested in.

To register please contact: [agefriendly@cavancoco.ie](mailto:agefriendly@cavancoco.ie) or call 049 4378545

Date	Topic	Delivered By
18/11/2024	Experience new technologies with Townhall Digital Suite	Daniel Peeters Digital Project Leader
25/11/2024	Nutrition and Food Labelling	Charlotte Wilson Slainte Healthy Communities
02/12/2024	Fall Prevention - HSE	Breda King Clinical Nurse Specialist
09/12/2024	Christmas Crafts	Bailieborough Creative Hub



### Age Friendly Library Events for November

Check out the latest events happening in Wexford Libraries over the next couple of weeks.

[Find out more >](#)



### Christmas Coffee Morning Bishopstown Library, Cork

Bishopstown Library in Cork is hosting a Christmas Coffee Morning on 27th November. It's a free event for members of our local community to get to know each other and the staff here.

If you need any further information please call 021 4924950



### Donegal Digital Health Hubs

In an undeniably digital world, accessing accurate health information from reliable sources can often be challenging. A positive experience with learning to use digital technology is necessary to facilitate digital health literacy for all. The Donegal Age Friendly Alliance members including Donegal County Council's own Library Services, the HSE and Donegal ETB worked together to deliver 8 workshops recently throughout the county.

[Find out more >](#)

## International Updates

**if** Global Café  
in conversation with experts

**“SOCIAL ISOLATION & LONELINESS AMONG OLDER PEOPLE”**

**Dr. David Conn**  
Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Toronto,  
Staff Psychiatrist, Baycrest,  
Co-Chair, Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health

15 November 2024 07:00 AM (EST)

a contribution to the  
**Decade of healthy ageing**

### IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Dr. David Conn

IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Dr. David Conn on “Social Isolation and Loneliness Among Older People.”

15 November 2024, 07:00 A.M. EST (US and Canada)

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

Saturday and Sunday



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