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10th January 2025

National Updates



Minister for Mental Health and Older People announces additional funding for Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme in 2025



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health

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Minister for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler has announced an additional €0.667 million in funding for the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme for 2025. This new funding builds on the initial €5.2 million in annual recurring funding from the older persons budget in the Department of Health, which enabled the expansion from nine pilot sites to all 31 local authorities nationwide.

[Find out more ›](#)

Your Voice Matters Survey ICPOP Community Specialist Teams



The HSE is inviting you to complete a survey if you have attended an Integrated Care for Older Persons (ICPOP) community specialist team at any time during 2024. The survey can also be completed by family members or friends who care for someone who has attended the ICPOP team.




The survey is live until **31st January 2025** and takes about 15-20 minutes to complete.

[Find out more ›](#)

Dementia Webinar 22nd January 2025

Join our upcoming webinar with Dr Seán O'Dowd, Consultant Neurologist, Tallaght University Hospital; and Clinical Lead, National Dementia Services, along with an expert panel to the 'Let's Talk Dementia' webinar on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 (11.00am – 12.15pm). The expert panel will explore dementia and its various types, the vital role of early diagnosis, and how to access health and social care services and supports. The session will also highlight the profound impact of social inclusion on health and wellbeing, and practical ways we can all contribute to creating a more inclusive society for people living with dementia.

[Register Here ›](#)

Let's Talk Dementia

Wednesday 22nd January 2025
11.00am – 12.15pm

Join Dr Seán O’Dowd, Consultant Neurologist, Tallaght University Hospital; and Clinical Lead, National Dementia Services, and panellists:

- **Ken Greaney**, Co-founder of Lewy Body Ireland
- **Matthew Gibb**, Director of Dementia Services Information and Development Centre
- **Majella O’Donnell**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sligo/Leitrim Memory Assessment & Support Service
- **Emma O’Brien**, Senior Occupational Therapist, Clinical Lead Memory Technology Resource Room

The webinar will cover:

- Dementia and its various types
- Importance of early diagnosis
- Signposting of health and social care services and supports
- The impact of social inclusion on health and wellbeing
- The things we can all do to include people living with dementia

#LetsTalkDementia

Bridging the Gap – Local Authorities and Disability Inclusion



Disability Federation of Ireland has commissioned Dr. Charles Mahoney and Dr. Mary Keogh to undertake research on the implementation of the UN CRPD at a local level.

The final report will be launched at an event on the 28th January 2025

[Find out more >](#)

Local Updates

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

AGE FRIENDLY LOUTH INVITES YOU TO AI FOR BEGINNERS IN DROGHEDA CIVIC OFFICES

Age Friendly Louth are inviting older people to come along to Drogheda Civic Offices, Fair St , Drogheda on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 from 11.00am -1.00pm for an AI Information Session.

The session will cover :

- What is AI ?
- How can AI benefit older people ?
- Examples of how older people are already using AI .

What's next for AI and older people ?

Meet researchers undertaking AI Projects for older people, Demo of AI projects

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT AI ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ?

EVENT IS FREE BUT YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR PLACE

042 9324389

OR EMAIL

AGEFRIENDLY@LOUTHCOCO.IE

Climate Action Workshop January 14th, Waterford.



[Learn More >](#)

Wexford Library Events



See below the latest Age Friendly events and services happening in Wexford libraries.

[Find out more >](#)

Free Roscommon Climate Action Course for the over 60's



Age Friendly Roscommon are organising a six week, six step climate action course for the over 60's, beginning this month, January 2025.

[Find out more >](#)

International Updates



IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Mr. Gregor Sneddon

IFA Global Café | In Conversation with Mr. Gregor Sneddon on “A discussion on the future of ageing and IFA.”

10 January 2024, 07:00 A.M. EST (US and Canada)

[Find out more >](#)

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