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National Updates



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Advance Planning. Start your Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA) Journey

Public Information Evenings

This is an information evening with the Director of the DSS, Áine Flynn. Áine will introduce the key reforms under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015, the guiding principles, the new support framework, and the tools for advance planning.

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- the guiding principles
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- the functions of the DSS

Limerick

When: Tuesday 8 September

Where: Castletroy Park Hotel The Castletroy Park Hotel | Hotels in Limerick | 4 Star Hotels

Limerick

Time: 6-7pm

Partners: HSE-Mid West and the Assisted Decision-Making Team at University Hospital Limerick
Booking

- Ring Freephone (01) 211 9750 and ask for the EPA Helpdesk
- email EPAhelpdesk@decisionsupportservice.ie or

North Dublin

When: Tuesday 10 November

Where: Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport | Book Direct & Save

Time: 6-7pm

Partners: HSE Assisted Decision Making (ADM), Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County
Booking

- Ring Freephone (01) 211 9750 and ask for the EPA Helpdesk
- email EPAhelpdesk@decisionsupportservice.ie or

Webinar Invitation

Working together to make Every Move Count:
Connecting to Community



Time: 11:30am - 12:45pm
Date: Thursday 24 September 2026

For all healthcare professionals and community partners who have an interest in supporting people to become more active.



Register Here



Clann Housing

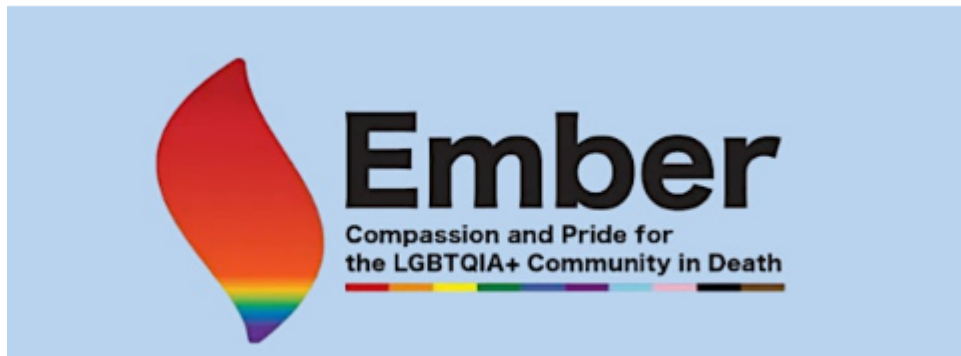
Dean Murphy, Architect and Senior Project Manager for Clann Housing, presented to the Age Friendly Technical Advisors Group recently on Clann, Clúid's dedicated age friendly housing service.

The presentation explored the technical and design considerations behind Clann developments and how they support one of the key ambitions of Government housing policy: empowering older people to live with dignity, independence and choice for as long as possible.

Dean provided a detailed overview of how age friendly design can create homes and communities that enable people to age in place, remain connected and plan ahead with confidence.

The session also reinforced the importance of providing specialist housing advice and expertise to both members of the public and organisations as we continue to plan for Ireland's ageing population.

Age Friendly Ireland would like to thank Dean Murphy for attending the meeting recently and sharing Clann Housing's approach and design philosophy to the delivery of Age Friendly housing nationally.



LGBTIQ+ Events in Dublin (LGBT Ireland)

1. Dying Well, Living Out: LGBTQI+ Inclusive Palliative Care

When: Thursday 10 September

Where: Outhouse LGBTQI+ Resource Centre

Time: 10AM - 12PM

About: This Palliative Care Week, join us for a special event exploring what it means to build truly inclusive Palliative Care for LGBTQI+ people. Hosted at Outhouse LGBTQI+ Resource Centre on Capel Street, the event features a conversation between activist and academic Ailbhe Smyth and Professor Kimberly D. Acquaviva (UVA), author of *The Handbook of LGBTQIA-Inclusive Hospice & Palliative Care* and a leading international voice on LGBTQIA-inclusive end-of-life care. The conversation will be followed by a panel discussion with Irish palliative care practitioners, grounding the global conversation in local practice.

This event is a collaboration between LGBT Ireland, the Irish Hospice Foundation, and the All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care, building on our shared work through the Ember Project.

2. Championing Connection: Loneliness & Health for LGBTQ+ People in Later Life

When: Thursday 1 October

Where: 1 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2

Time: 10AM - 2:30PM

On Thursday 1st October we will mark International Day of Older Persons with an event at at 1 Windmill Ln, Dublin 2 focused on the health impact of loneliness and isolation on older LGBTQI+ people.

According to data from European Commission research, Ireland ranks as the loneliest country in the European Union, with 1 in 5 people here reporting feeling lonely most or all of the time. The health consequences are serious: chronic loneliness and social isolation are linked to higher rates of heart disease, depression, anxiety, and even earlier death. For older LGBTQ+ people, the risk runs deeper still as decades of marginalisation, family rejection, and living through a time when it wasn't safe to be visible often mean smaller support networks in later life.

The day will feature a presentation from Dr Joanna McHugh Power, Associate Professor in Psychology at Maynooth University, whose research focuses on later-life loneliness and

social functioning from a public health perspective, followed by contributions from Older Persons and LGBTQI+ service providers on tackling the issue.

Dying Well, Living Out

Championing Connection

Local Updates



Beyond the Trees

Our team visit the Avondale Beyond the Trees tourist destination recently to view the new changing, toilet and Age Friendly facilities. Equipped with Age Friendly parking, accessible walk ways, this area has everything needed to ensure an easy trip!



W a l k a b i l i t y

Our team in the South took part in a Walkability Audit of Cobh Primary Care centre recently.



R i g h t s & E n t i t l e m e n t s o f t h e O l d e r P e r s o n

Cabra Library, Navan Road, Dublin 7

Tuesday Aug 25th from 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Information Session Content

Event will include the following

SEAI Grants

Grants for older people

Grants for people with Disabilities

Fuel Allowance

Free Travel

Household benefits and more

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Library News



August Events at Gorey Library

Launch of the Cuisle Cheoil Festival: Thursday 20th August at 7:00pm

All welcome to the launch of this weekend festival of traditional music.

Blasket Bound: Memoir of an Island Caretaker: Friday 21st August at 12 noon

Illustrated talk by Lesley Bond, one of the first to embark upon a six-month Caretaking residency on the Great Blasket Island.

Heritage Week Event

Traditional Music in Wexford over the years: Saturday 22nd August from 2:15-3:15pm

An illustrated talk with Mick O'Connor celebrating traditional Irish music and culture.

The Music of Larry Kinsella with Pádraig MacAodhgáin: Saturday 22nd August at 4.00pm

Join Pádraig MacAodhgáin for this talk about this well-known County Wexford concertina player and teacher Larry Kinsella (RIP)

Beginners Crochet workshop for Adults: Wednesday 26th August at 12.30pm

Join Mary from Gorey Library for this Crochet for Beginners workshop.

The Vanishing Irish: Emigration and Modern Irish History

with Professor Diarmaid Ferriter: Thursday 27th August at 7.00pm

Join Diarmaid Ferriter for his talk on Irish Emigration, its historical roots in the Famine, as he explores the "vanishing" of populations from various parts of Ireland and the long-term impact of emigration to the US.

For more information or to book a place, or if you require additional supports to participate in any Gorey Library event, please call us on 053 9483820

Family Tree for Beginners with Genealogist Bernadette Walsh – Thursday 20th August at 7.00pm in Bunclody Library

Want to find out how to begin tracing your family tree? As part of our National Heritage Week programme, join genealogist Bernadette Walsh who will give lots of helpful information and advice on beginning the search for your ancestors. Booking required. Book online at wexfordcoco.libcal.com or telephone 053 9375466.

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