

# Symposium

## Ageing in Ireland and the EU: Opportunities and Challenges

24 October 2024, Appellate Court Room, Glucksman Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

### PROGRAMME

09.30-10.00 Arrival

10.00-10.15 **Welcome**

Dr. Michaela Schrage-Früh (Director of CEUROS)

Dr. Sandra Joyce (Executive Dean, FAHSS)

10.15-11.15 **Keynote**

*Chair: Dr. Michaela Schrage-Frueh (UL)*

**Alison Bough** (Age Platform Europe/Active Retirement Ireland)

Amplifying Older Voices: The Age Manifesto and the European Elections 2024

11.15-11.30 Break

11.30-12.30 **Panel 1: Ethics, Care & Inclusion**

*Chair: Dr. Katie Robinson (Allied Health/Ageing Research Centre)*

**Patricia Conboy** (Galway), Ageing with assurance: the issue of ageism

**Prof. Des O'Neill** (TCD), The challenge of euthanasia and assisted suicide for how we view ageing and caring

12.30-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.15 **Panel 2: Life-Long Learning and Age-Friendly Universities**

*Chair: Prof. Gisela Holfter (UL)*

**Dr. Christine O’Kelly** (DCU), Current Landscape and Progress of the Age-Friendly University Global Network

**Prof. Joachim Fischer** (UL), Age Friendly Universities and Life-Long Learning in the European Union

14.15-15.15 **Panel 3: Festivals and Community Projects**

*Chair: Gabrielle Fath (UL)*

**Dr. Tara Byrne** (Age & Opportunity), How a festival can subvert understandings of ageing: considering the Bealtaine Festival’

**Paula Carroll** (Cuimhneamh an Chláir), Cuimhneamh an Chláir / Clare Memories Project

15.15-15.30 Break

15.30-17.00 **Panel 4: European and Irish Research Projects**

*Chair: Dr. Sorcha De Brún (UL)*

**Dr. Luis Freijo** (King’s College London), AGE-C: Ageing and Gender in European Cinema

**Dr. Christine O’Kelly** (DCU), Leveraging Cultural Engagement as a Strategy for Social Prescribing

**Dr. Michaela Schrage-Früh** (UL) and **Dr. Maggie O’Neill** (Galway), Restorying Ageing: Older Women and Life Writing

17.15-18.30 **Reading: *Well, You Don’t Look It! Women Writers in Ireland Reflect on Ageing*, ed. Éilís Ní Dhuibhne and Michaela Schrage-Früh (Salmon Poetry, 2024).**

With contributors **Eileen Casey, Mary O’Donnell and Mary Rafferty**

19.30 **Conference Dinner** Castletroy Park Hotel (for speakers)



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