



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF
THE GALWAY COUNTY AND CITY AGE FRIENDLY
INITIATIVE
AT
THE GALWAY BAY HOTEL, SALTHILL, GALWAY



Tuesday, 27th September 2011 at 3.00 pm

RSVP to reserve a place please contact:
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WHAT MAKES A CITY AND COUNTY AGE FRIENDLY?

Where we live, the physical, social and cultural environment, impacts hugely upon how we live. This is true for people of all ages, including older people.

The World Health Organisation defines an “age-friendly” community as one in which service providers, public officials, community leaders, faith leaders, business people and citizens recognize the great diversity among older persons, promote their inclusion and contribution in all areas of community life, respect their decisions and lifestyle choices, and anticipate and respond flexibly to ageing related needs and preferences.

In an age-friendly community, policies, programmes, services and infrastructure related to the physical and social environment are designed to enable older people to live in security, enjoy good health and continue to participate in society in a meaningful way.

AGE FRIENDLY FOR ALL AGES

An age-friendly community benefits people of all ages. Secure neighbourhoods are safe for children, youth, women and older adults. Families experience less worry and stress when their older relations have the services and supports they need. Barrier free buildings and streets enhance the mobility and independence of both younger and older persons with disabilities. The whole community benefits from the participation of older persons in volunteer or paid work and civic activities. Making our cities and counties age-friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic ageing.

THE LAUNCH

The purpose of this launch is to stimulate interest in developing the The Galway County and City Age Friendly Initiative. Our aim is to bring together the older residents of Galway and the key service providers from the statutory, voluntary, community and private sectors to identify the opportunities from all present on how we can make Galway an excellent place in which to live, work and grow old.

The aim of the seminar is:

- To promote the initiative of an Age Friendly Galway for all
- To encourage interagency collaboration of key players and stakeholders in the Age Friendly Initiative
- To facilitate increased participation of older people in the social, economic and cultural life of the community
- To seek commitment from national and local leaders to make it happen
- To hear first hand your views and ideas on how we can do this for Galway

Key to the success of this initiative will be the direct involvement of older people and older peoples groups across the city and county. We look forward to hearing your views on the day and appreciate your support.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. PEOPLE ARE LIVING MUCH LONGER

- The majority of children born today in the developed world will live to be 100 and scientists believe the first person is already born who will live to be 150
- Longevity is increasing at the rate of 2 years per decade or 5 hours per day
- The Dept of Work and Pensions in the UK believe that the first female has already started to draw her pension, who will live to be 120 ie for 60 years

2. OLDER PEOPLE REPRESENT A RAPIDLY INCREASING % OF THE POPULATION

- The world's 60+ population will double in size over the next decades from 11% today to 22% by 2050
- For the first time in the world's history there will be more people over the age of 60 than under the age of 5 by 2045
- There will be more than 8,500 people over the age of 100 living in Ireland in 30 years' time
- In Ireland the number of people aged 65 and over projected to rise from about 700,000 to 1.89 million by 2041, an increase of 169 per cent

3. OLDER PEOPLE ARE THE WEALTHIEST COHORT

- The 50+ group have 80% of the wealth in countries like the UK and US and 75% across the EU
- The over 50's consumer in the US is expected to outspend younger adults by \$1 trillion in 2010
- The 50+ group account for the majority of household expenditure (54%) in the US and half of consumer spending across the EU
- In Ireland those 65+ have a declared income of €6.6bn

RSVP

For more information or to book your place at this event, please contact Caitriona McQuillan by telephone, or forward the RSVP form below by post or email to:

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Please note this event is free, **BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Please register your place by September 22nd 2011

REGISTRATION FORM

Galway Age Friendly City and County Initiative

3.00pm , Tuesday September 27th 2011

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Telephone/Email:

Access Requirements: