

INPEA Dublin

Speaker: Minister Kathleen Lynch (TD)

'Opening Address'

Minister Lynch is Minister of State at the Department of Health and Department of Justice, Equality and Defence with responsibility for Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People - Ireland

In 1994 Minister Lynch was first elected to the Irish Parliament (Dáil Eireann) for the Labour Party. She was subsequently elected again in 2002 and has retained her seat since. In March 2011 the Labour Party formed a new coalition government with the Fine Gael Party with an agreed programme for government, including major Health Care Reform.

The Minister of State is accountable for developing and articulating Government policy on Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People. Minister Lynch is leading a fundamental Mental Health Reform Programme in Ireland (Vision for Change). Minister Lynch is married to Bernard Lynch and has four children.

Session chair: Prof Gerard Fealy

Dr. Amanda Phelan: (PhD, MSc (Nursing Education), BNS (Hons), RNT, PHN, RM, RGN)

Amanda is Associate Dean for Global Engagement, Subject Head of Older Persons' Nursing and Co-Director of the National Centre for the Protection of Older People in the UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems. Amanda holds the position of national representative for the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and acted as Secretary of the All Ireland Gerontological Nurses' Association from 2010-2014. Amanda was appointed to the INMB Fitness to Practice Committee in 2014 and is an editorial board member on the *International Journal of Older People Nursing* and the *International Journal of Nursing & Clinical Practices*. Amanda also serves on the international research advisory committee for the National Initiative for Care of the Elderly (NICE), University of Toronto, Canada and is a research advisor to Telmark and Agder Universities, Norway. Amanda's edited book *International Perspectives on Elder Abuse* (Routledge) was published in March, 2013.

Áine Brady, CEO Third Age (also a chair)

Áine Brady took up her position as CEO of Third Age in 2014. Previously, Áine taught for 27 years in Celbridge, Co Kildare, including her responsibility for coordinating the Special Needs Department in the school. She was elected as a Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North in 2007. In 2009, she was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children, with

special responsibility for Older People and Health Promotion. She presided over a national consultation of individuals and groups in the preparation of the National Positive Ageing Strategy (NPAS) which was published mid-2013. Áine served on a National Committee of the Special Olympics World Summer Games in 2003, and is currently a member of its Council of Patrons. She is a member of the North Kildare Soroptimists and a former National President of that organisation.

Patricia Rikard Clarke

Patricia Rickard-Clarke is a solicitor and former Commissioner of the Law Reform Commission. She was the lead Commissioner with regard to the Commission's work on *Law and the Elderly*, *Vulnerable Adults and the Law (Capacity)* and *Advance Care Directives*.

She is Chair of the Law Society's Mental Health and Capacity Task Force and Chair of the Third AGE's National Advisory Council, SAGE, Support and Advocacy Service for Older People. She is a member of the Council of the Hospice Foundation and of its Think Ahead Project Advisory Group of the Forum on End of Life and a member of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. She was a member of the HSE's National Financial Abuse of Older People Working Group and the Study Advisory Panel of National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP) at University College Dublin.

Over the years she has contributed to a number of national and international publications, the latest being a contribution of the Irish section on *International Protection of Adults* which has just been published by Oxford University Press.

Session Chair: Susan Somers

Natasha Todorovic

Health and Care Program Manager, HelpAge International

Session Chair: Aine Brady

John Farrelly

John Farrelly is Head of Older Persons Regulation in the Health Information and Quality Authority. Originally trained as a Mental health Nurse John has a Masters in Clinical Psychotherapy from University College Dublin. He also has an MBA in Health Services Management from the Royal College of Surgeons and is also a graduate of Kings Inns Dublin. With a background in the mental health and voluntary sector John has a strong professional interest in creating compassionate caring Health systems.

Gary Fitzgerald

Gary FitzGerald has been with Action on Elder Abuse (AEA) since 2001 and was appointed Chief Executive on 2 April 2002. Gary worked for over 20 years within Local Government Social Care provision focusing on all aspects of care of older people. In 2012 Gary was awarded an honorary doctorate by Northumbria University for his work on elder abuse, and received the award for 'outstanding contribution to social care' by the prestigious British Care Awards. He sits on the Church of England Safeguarding Advisory Board, the Metropolitan Police Vulnerable Individuals Advisory Group, and is a trustee of The Silver Line Loneliness helpline.

Gloria Gutman, PhD

Dr Gutman developed and directed the Gerontology Department and Gerontology Research Centre at Simon Fraser University from 1982-2005. She served two terms as President of the Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG), was President of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) from 2001- 2005 and President of the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) from 2009-2014. In 2005 she was recipient of INPEA's Rosalie Wolf award for her strong support of elder abuse prevention. In 2007 she was awarded the Order of British Columbia, in 2010 an honorary LLD by the University of Western Ontario and in 2012 a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal by the CAG for her work in gerontology. She is author/editor of 23 books among them "*Aging, Ageism and Abuse – Moving from Awareness to Action*" (Elsevier Insights 2010). Recently, she was awarded a grant for an intergenerational project that will raise awareness of the risks of elder abuse in the LGBT community.

Session Chair: Paschal Moynihan

Karl Pillemer

Dr. Karl Pillemer is the Director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research and the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development and a Professor of Gerontology in Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical College. Pillemer also directs the Cornell Legacy Project (<http://legacyproject.human.cornell.edu/>) and is author of the book *30 Lessons for Living* (<http://legacyproject.human.cornell.edu/the-book/>). His major interests center on human development over the life course, with a special emphasis on family and social relationships in middle age and beyond. He has a strong theoretical and empirical interest in life course transitions and the effects they have on family relationships. A major program of research is on intergenerational relations in later life, with a focus on determinants and consequences of the quality of adult child - older parent relationships. Dr. Pillemer is now conducting a large-scale study of this issue, with funding from the National Institute on Aging, which focuses on within-family differences in parent-child relations in later life and on ambivalence in intergenerational relations among adults. A second major program of research focuses on the nature and dynamics of family caregiving for impaired elderly relatives, which he has been carrying out over the past two decades with funding from the National Institutes of Health. A third area is in long-term care for the elderly, with a focus on the relationships between family members of residents with staff in long-term care facilities. Fourth, Dr. Pillemer has a long-term program of research on conflict and abuse in families of the aged, including several related studies of the domestic and institutional abuse of older persons. Finally, he is actively involved in intervention research and in policy analysis related to aging and health care, with an emphasis on evidence-based methods of developing a competent, caring long-term care workforce. His extension and outreach work involves translational research, exploring ways to speed the transfer of findings from basic research into scientifically tested interventions.

Lynn McDonald

Dr. McDonald is a professor in the Faculty of Social Work and Director of the Institute for Human Development, Life Course and Aging at the University of Toronto. In 2002 she was awarded the Governor General's Golden Jubilee medal for her contributions to Canadian gerontology. Her research interests include work and retirement, violence against women and older adults, poverty and the homelessness and ethnicity and aging. She has been a board director of the Alberta and Canadian Associations of Gerontology and served as Editor, Policy and Practice and Acting Editor, Social Sciences for the *Canadian Journal on Aging*. She also has been a board director of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Currently she is a member of the Board of Accreditation of the Canadian Association of the Schools of Social Work, the Social Dimensions of Aging Committee for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and is a member of the planning committee for the new Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging. She is a member of the Expert Advisory Committee for the Report Card on Seniors 2006, published by the National Advisory Council on Aging. She is also a member of the Working Group for the Panel Study of Life Course Dynamics housed in Quebec. Dr. McDonald has held numerous grants from Health Canada, the former HRDC, from SSHRCC, MCRI CIHR, Population Health, and the National Directorate on the Homeless. She is a co-author of a major Canadian textbook, *Aging in Contemporary Canada* (2008) and has numerous articles and technical reports on aging.

Thomas Goergen

Dr Goergen is Head of the Department of Criminology and Crime Prevention at the German Police University. Dr Goergen joined the German Police University (Muenster, Germany) in 2007 as Head of Department of Criminology and Crime Prevention. He was appointed Professor at German Police University in 2008. His main fields of research are: elder abuse and neglect in professional and family care; domestic violence; criminal victimization and age; older inmates in correctional institutions; sexual offenses and sexual victimization; child homicide; self-reported delinquency / juvenile crime; attitudes and subjective theories related to crime and law enforcement; organized crime and terrorism.

Speaker: Mr Paschal Moynihan, Specialist Services for Older People, HSE West ***'Closing Remarks'***

Paschal Moynihan is a Specialist in Older Persons' Services and Head of the National Safeguarding Office in the Health Service Executive. Paschal's background is in nursing having trained as a psychiatric nurse in St. Patrick's Hospital in Dublin and as a General Nurse in St. James' Hospital in Dublin. He also holds a certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing from St. Mary's Hospital in Cappagh.

Paschal has held senior management positions in healthcare in the public and private sector and in both acute and long term residential care services. He holds a BA in Public Management (hons.) and a Masters in Healthcare Management (hons.). He has played a lead role in the development of the HSE's Elder Abuse service since 2007 and was recently appointed to lead the HSE's National Safeguarding Office.