



NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OLDER PEOPLE NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the fourth newsletter from the National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP) which is designed to keep you up to date with the activities of the Centre.

Seminar Series 2011/2012

The NCPOP Seminar Series has attracted a lot of interest from health and social care staff, academics, researchers, as well as legal and financial professionals.

On October 19th, Dr. Angie Ash, Swansea University delivered a presentation on *Elder Abuse, Ethical Dilemmas & Multi-agency work – What are the Influences and Constraints on Professional Decision-Making in Adult Protection?* This seminar was well attended and generated much interesting discussion on the topic.

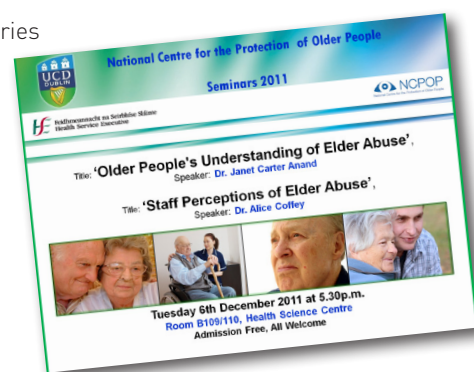


Dr. Angie Ash, ESRC Research Fellow, Centre for Innovative Ageing, Swansea University

Video recordings and PowerPoint presentations from Dr. Ash and all NCPOP seminars are available to download from www.ncpop.ie

NCPOP hosted its second seminar in the 2011/2012 series on 6th December 2011. A presentation was given on *Older People's Understandings of Elder Abuse* by Dr. Janet Carter Anand, Queen's University Belfast and *Staff Perceptions of Elder Abuse* was presented by Dr. Alice Coffey, University College Cork.

Details of upcoming seminars in 2012 will be made available on our website, so log on regularly. All seminars are free and everyone is welcome. Contact Judy on (01) 7166467 or email ncpop@ucd.ie



Upcoming Launch of NCPOP Study



NCPOP is undertaking a national study entitled 'A Survey of Staff-Resident Interactions and Conflicts in Residential Care Settings for Older People'. This survey involved a representative sample of 64 (public, private and voluntary) nursing homes across Ireland. NCPOP will launch a report of the main findings of this study at UCD in early 2012 so please keep an eye on the NCPOP website (www.ncpop.ie) for the launch date.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) 2011

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) takes place every year on 15th June. On Wednesday 15th June 2011, the HSE, the National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP) and the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) hosted a conference on the issue of elder abuse in the Health Sciences Centre, UCD.

The conference had information and advisory stands from Age Action Ireland, Senior Helpline, NCPOP, HSE, Solicitors for the Elderly, Alzheimer's Association and the Carers Association. The event was attended by over two hundred delegates from health, social care, legal and financial sectors. The conference was formally opened by Ms Kathleen Lynch T.D., Minister for Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People. The keynote address by Professor Mary Gilhooly of the Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies, Brunel University, London focused on recent research into financial elder abuse. Professor John Horgan, Press Ombudsman for Ireland, delivered the conference reflections. Video recordings and PowerPoint presentations from the day are available to download from www.ncpop.ie

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Gerry Breen was also in attendance and signed the INPEA Mayoral Proclamation Against Elder Abuse. Deputy Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, Nacé Rice signed the INPEA Municipal Declaration Against Elder Abuse together with Dr. Martin McNamara, Dean and Head of UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems.

Please keep an eye on our website for details of upcoming events to mark WEAAD 2012.



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WEAAD 2011 audience at UCD

NCPOP Website Developments

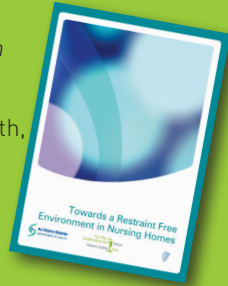
The NCPOP website was redesigned and redeveloped in the summer of 2011 to improve user interaction and to better support the activities of the Centre. Care was taken to ensure the redesigned website maintained the user friendly layout of the original NCPOP website while allowing for the addition of a number of new features including animated photos, a video gallery and a news and events feed on the home page.

The dedicated NCPOP website continues to be updated with national and international reports, seminar presentations, elder abuse stories in the Irish media etc.



Recent Publications

- *Towards a Restraint Free Environment in Nursing Homes, An Roinn Sláinte, Department of Health, October 2011*



- *Consumer Protection Code 2012, Central Bank of Ireland, October 2011*



- *The European Reference Framework Online for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect, ANBO, September 2011*



- *"A Total Indifference to our Dignity" Older People's Understandings of Elder Abuse, Age Action Ireland, June 2011*



- *Open Your Eyes, HSE Elder Abuse Services 2010, HSE, June 2011*



Don't forget to log on to our website at www.ncpop.ie for updates on NCPOP events, access to professional journals, video presentations, the latest on elder abuse in the national print media and much more!

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Concerned about Elder Abuse?

If you are concerned about elder abuse call save the HSE Information Line:

1850 24 1850

The HSE Information Line is open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 8pm. This service will provide you with details of the HSE staff in your local area that can assist you.



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