

## PROGRAMME

### GRUNDTVIG MEETING 25 – 27 June 2014 IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

#### Aims of the meeting:

- To review progress to date
- To introduce a selection of training and awareness raising materials
- To identify next steps in developing our own materials
- To progress our disseminations and evaluation programme

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Venue: School of Nursing, Trinity College Dublin, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2 (not on TCD campus, enter by Gas Café ).**

#### **Morning Workshop - Review progress and presentation of case studies**

**10am – 1pm**

**10am** Review progress to date

Evaluation and dissemination update

**10.45am** Case study presentation to include brief outline of 2 cases, response and possible solutions, training needs (20 mins)

**11.15** Coffee Break

**11.30** Presentation of case studies continue

**12.30** Discussion - Common themes to emerge around elder abuse training and awareness raising material

**1pm – 2pm** Lunch in Trinity College Dublin

**2pm- 5pm** – Elder abuse awareness and training material in Ireland

Presentations and interactive round table discussions with inputs from

- **Age and Opportunity** – Training programmes that promote older people's personal development and challenge ageism including 'Ageing with Confidence' and AgeWise
- **An Garda Síochána (Irish police force)** - Doorstep security and personal safety security for older people initiatives.

- **National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP)**

- 1) Older people's experience of abuse and how this can inform the development of training material around awareness and prevention
- 2) Preventing financial abuse an empowerment model
- 3) User advisory group to financial abuse empowerment model

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## **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**Venue: School of Nursing, Trinity College Dublin, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2 (Gas Café)**

**9.30am – 12.30pm – Morning Workshop**

### **Train the Trainer Elder Abuse Workshop -'Recognising and Responding to Elder Abuse in Residential Care Settings'.**

Delivered by Sarah Mahon, Dedicated Officer for the Protection of Older People - Health Service Executive. Whilst the training programme is aimed at all staff working in residential care settings such as private nursing homes, public long stay facilities and voluntary centres, it can also be used to assist staff in other care settings to recognise and respond to Elder Abuse.

**12.30pm- 1.15pm Lunch**

**1.30pm – 4.30pm Field Visits**

**1.30pm Gaiety School of Acting - The National Theatre School of Ireland**

### **'Exploring socio-drama as a means of raising awareness of elder abuse and transforming relationships'**

The Gaiety School of Acting works with various organisations including Education and Training Boards in developing programmes to promote personal development and positive mental health, particularly amongst younger people. The aim of programmes, such as Breathe, is create a stronger awareness of the issues confronting youth in our communities.

The focus is on increasing self-awareness so that they can assess their strengths and weaknesses and call attention to norms for acceptable behaviour in our society and help them see themselves as contributing members. Older people face similar challenges so this visit will facilitate an exploration of this model in the context of building resilience in the prevention of elder abuse.

### **3pm – Third Age Senior Helpline**

Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people by trained older volunteers. Senior Help Line received over 28,000 calls in 2012. The majority of callers are in the 66-75 age group. Calls reporting elder abuse or fears about elder abuse have increased. Most calls report emotional abuse followed by financial abuse, with physical abuse featuring in a smaller proportion of calls. Bullying and control is often a factor in elder abuse, and some callers need support in seeing that the behaviour they are suffering under is abusive and unacceptable. This visit will provide an opportunity to learn about the service and volunteer training programmes.

### **4pm – Age Action**

Empowering older people - Care and Repair, Information Line and Get Started

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## **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**Venue: School of Nursing, Trinity College Dublin, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2 (Gas Café)**

**10am – 1pm – Discussion Topic ‘Training and awareness raising material and methods’**

- Agree the material and methods
- Next Steps
- Agenda for Next meeting