



Age-Friendly Arizona Presents:

Feed Your Mind Webinar Series

May 16, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Title: **What Ireland is Teaching Communities About Aging**
Speakers: Dr. Richard Knopf, ASU; Christine O’Kelly, *Dublin City University* and Catherine Mc Guigan, *Age-Friendly Ireland Manager*

Through innovative partnerships among universities and communities, Ireland is the age-friendly model for Europe and the rest of the world. Join colleagues from Arizona State University, Dublin City University and Age-Friendly Ireland as they discuss international policies on ageing, how the age-friendly university movement can help communities, and practical, concrete actions communities in Ireland led by older people have taken to embed age-friendly practices in their communities. Representatives from *Age Friendly Older Peoples Councils* from urban and rural communities will contribute to the discussion.

To participate in the live webinar:

<http://azmag.adobeconnect.com/whatirelandisteachingcommunitiesaboutaging/>

To view the recording of the webinar after May 16, 2018 visit: www.Connect60Plus.com



Speaker Bios:



Christine O’Kelly was appointed by DCU’s President Brian Mac Craith as Age Friendly University Coordinator in Sept 2014. Christine has an extensive background in working with a range of agencies and networks engaged in enhancing the well-being of older adults. She was the former CEO of Ireland’s Older Women’s Network, a global network with a focus on gender and aging and served as a board member of the National Women’s Council and Banulacht, a national organization working with the developing world. Christine was involved in a government working group to draft Ireland’s National Positive Ageing Strategy and was a member of a team investigating residential nursing homes which resulted in the establishment of a national watchdog agency on residential care.



Catherine McGuigan leads the National Age Friendly Ireland Programme hosted by Meath County Council. This municipality led National programme is based on the World Health Organisations (WHO) Global Age Friendly Programme and is operational across all 31 local authority areas in Ireland. The programme is focussed on ensuring Ireland is responsive to the increasing needs of older people and adopting effective local policy approaches to respond to demographic ageing. Her work involves engaging at strategic level with key leaders across public, private and NGO sector and consulting democratically with people to reshape the way in which services are delivered. Her expertise lies in strategic planning and promoting collaborative approaches to effective service reform.

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