



TILDA/ASPEN conference on 'Active Ageing & Labour Market Trajectories'

University of Dublin, Trinity College

25th of June, 2007

The ageing of the labour force poses a number of challenges to policy makers. In the context of reduced levels of fertility and high levels of early retirement, there is the risk of a reduction of the labour force and consequently, a reduction of the growth potential in the economy. Besides its direct economic effects, this will further increase the threat to the economic sustainability of (Pay as You Go) pension schemes. In this context, increasing the participation of older people in the labour market has become a policy priority (OECD 2006 and European Commission 1999, 2003).

This requires a better understanding of individuals' labour market trajectories and how they make the transition between employment and non-employment (notably, retirement), between different forms of paid employment and between paid and unpaid work. In particular, it is necessary to understand how individual transitions are conditioned by the interaction between social and economic institutions, on the one side, and individual characteristics such as health status and preferences, on the other.

With this in mind, the Irish Longitudinal Study of Ageing (TILDA), in collaboration with the Active Social Policies European Network (ASPEN), is organising a one-day conference on 'Active Ageing & Labour Market Trajectories'. Targeted at policy-makers, researchers and students, this event brings together a number of high level researchers from both Europe and the US and a group of papers that covers some of the most relevant topics in this domain.

WE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THIS EVENT. THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS IS THE 15TH OF JUNE 2007.

REGISTRATION IS FREE.

The Organising Committee are thankful to the National Council on Ageing and Older People (NCAOP) for their support and assistance for the event.

Conference Programme

9.00 – 9.50 / Registration

| 10.00 – 10.30 / Opening Session

Prof. Roseanne Kenny

(The Irish Longitudinal Study of Ageing Ireland)

Welcome address

Mr. Donal Casey

(Irish Life)

Pensions and Retirement - the Irish context

| 10.30 – 12.00 / Session I: Ageing, Retirement and Labour Market Participation

Prof. Axel Borsh-Supan

(University of Mannheim, Germany)

Ageing in Europe: Lessons from cross-country comparisons with SHARE.

Dr. Asghar Zaidi

(European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Austria)

Transition from Work to Retirement in EU25: Is it a gradual change or a cliff edge fall?

Prof. James Banks

(University College London, UK)

Employment, health and retirement of older workers in England: Evidence from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing

13.15 – 14.45 / Session II: Health and Labour Market Participation

Prof. James Smith

(RAND Corporation, USA)

The impact of health shocks on labour force activity, retirement, and economic resources in the United States

Martin Hyde

(Sheffield Hallam University)

Does cognitive function affect expectations of being in employment amongst older employees in England? Results from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing

Dr. Brenda Gannon

(NUI Galway, Ireland)

Part-time work and health among older workers in Ireland and Britain

15.00 – 16.30 / Session III: Pensions, Gender and Labour Market Participation

Prof. Michael Hurd

(RAND Corporation, USA)

Expectations of retirement, actual retirement and pensions.

Dr. Philip Haynes

(University of Brighton, UK)

Work, gender and social contact experienced in older age. A cross sectional comparison in Europe using the 2001 International Social Survey Programme (ISSP).

Flavia Coda Moscarola

(Center for Research on Pensions and Welfare Policies, Italy)

Participation and caring choices of women in different institutional frameworks: a comparison between Italy and the Netherlands

16.30 – 17.00 / Closing Session

Discussion period with Prof. Colm Harmon (University College Dublin, Ireland) and Prof. Brendan Whelan (The Irish Longitudinal Study of Ageing, Ireland)

Practical Details

Registration

If you would like to participate in this event please email us (active.ageing@tcd.ie) with the following details:

Title:

Name:

Institution:

Address:

Email address:

Phone contact:

Venue

Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience (TCIN)

Lloyd Institute

Trinity College

Dublin 2

TCIN map

<http://www.tcd.ie/Neuroscience/contact>

Dublin city centre map

http://www.tcd.ie/Maps/tcd_city.html

Directions to get to Trinity College

http://www.tcd.ie/Maps/tcd_directions.html

Accommodation

On-campus accommodation

https://tcdlocalportal.tcd.ie/pls/osb/osb_pub.osb.get_rsv_reqs

Off-campus accommodation

<http://www.visitdublin.com>

<http://www.otel.com>

Organising committee

This event is jointly organised by the Irish Longitudinal Study of Ageing (TILDA)* and the Active Social Policies European Network (ASPEN). The TILDA project is the most ambitious study on ageing ever undertaken in Ireland. Led by the University of Dublin, Trinity College, this cross-institutional project will provide a comprehensive picture of the lives of approximately 10.000 people, charting their health social and economic circumstances as they age over at least a 10 year period. ASPEN is a group of social researchers from various European countries, engaged in research projects related to the development of 'active' welfare states and the introduction of active social policies and activation programmes in Europe.

The Organising Committee is composed by:

- Prof. Brendan Whelan - University of Dublin, Trinity College; Research Director at TILDA.
- Prof. Charles Normand - University of Dublin, Trinity College; Principal Investigator at TILDA.
- Dr. Amilcar Moreira - University of Dublin, Trinity College; Research Fellow at TILDA.
- Dr. Rik Van Berkel - Utrecht University; coordinator of ASPEN.

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Further information

For further information, please email the Organising Committee at active.ageing@tcd.ie.

Or visit

<http://www.tilda.ie/conference.html>

<http://aspen.fss.uu.nl/en/announcements.php>