

Research and Aged & Community Care Collaborations Workshop ACS NSW & ACT State Conference, 6 June 2007

The Aged and Community Services Association NSW and ACT and the NSW hub of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well are presenting a workshop on *Research and Aged & Community Care Collaborations*. The workshop will be held on 6 June 2007 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour as part of the ACS NSW & ACT State conference which runs from 6-8 June 2007.

This three hour workshop will be part of an ongoing program of work aimed to build a deeper and more long-term collaboration between researchers and the aged & community care industry. It will bring together leading aged and community care practitioners and researchers from the universities across NSW and will include a collaborative discussion of how to set up research projects including take-home guides to the different ways of conducting research (e.g. Honours, Masters, Professional Doctoral, or PhD projects or calls for expressions of interest from industry on particular topics). The workshop will also include a discussion of research priorities from both an industry and university perspective.

The outcomes of this workshop will be taken further initially within NSW and then nationally.

The provisional program for the workshop will be as follows:

Research and Aged & Community Care Collaborations Workshop – Provisional program

- 9:30– 9:40 Welcome and Workshop Aims - Jill Pretty (Acting CEO, ACS NSW & ACT) and Hal Kendig (National Convenor, Ageing Well Network)
- 9:40– 9:50 University perspectives and research mechanisms – Hal Kendig
- 9:50– 10:10 Research Collaborations- an industry perspective – Gillian McFee (Director, UnitingCare Ageing) and Andrew Fleming (Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT))
- 10:10– 10:40 Case Study of an existing collaboration – June Heinrich (CEO, Baptist Community Services) and Julie Byles (Director, Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing, University of Newcastle)
- 10:40– 11:00 Discussion of possible research topics, e.g.;
- Residential aged care – facilitated by Andrew Fleming (Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT))
 - Community Care – facilitated by Prue Sky (EO, Community Care (Northern Beaches))
 - Healthy Ageing – facilitated by Elizabeth Latimer Hill (Ageing and Health, Macquarie Uni)
- 11:00– 12:00 Small group break out sessions to workshop how to structure collaborative relationships with research students, initiate research projects and promote research dissemination and translation
- 12:00– 12:30 Summing up of key themes and discussion of next steps

Who should come? The workshop is relevant for researchers, industry representatives and policy makers **involved or looking to be involved in research in the aged & community care sector.**

Register early to ensure your place in this important workshop

To register for the workshop:

Go to http://www.agedservices.asn.au/docs/products/ACS_State_Conference_Final.pdf

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