

DEMENTIA MASTERCLASS

Introduction

The Dementia Masterclass is organised by the Centre for Economic and Social Research on Dementia at NUI Galway, supported by the Global Brain Health Institute at Trinity College Dublin and the University of California at San Francisco. We are bringing together a small cadre of international scholars and experts in dementia to talk about personhood, citizenship, psychosocial interventions, prevalence, outcomes and economics.

Objectives

The objectives of the Masterclass are: to build research capacity in dementia among early and mid-career researchers; to deepen understanding of key dementia concepts; and to equip researchers with skills and expertise in conducting cutting-edge and high quality research in dementia. The Masterclass will also provide early-career researchers an opportunity to discuss practical and methodological issues in social and economic research in dementia with leading world experts in dementia.

Learning outcomes

Participants in the Dementia Masterclass will:

- Learn more about personhood and citizenship in dementia
- Develop skills in the application of outcome measures in dementia research
- Understand more about psychosocial interventions in dementia
- Learn more about prevalence and incidence issues in dementia
- Enhance their understanding of the economics of dementia
- Develop an awareness of ethical, practical and measurement issues in the design and conduct of research on dementia.

Who should attend?

The Masterclass is primary for early and mid-stage researchers, including PhD candidates, postdocs and others who are directly engaged in dementia research. Senior leaders in dementia services who have a background/interest in dementia research, service development and policy are also welcome to attend.

Application process

Places are limited to 50 participants. Therefore, it is important to signal your interest as early as possible by contacting: cesrd@nuigalway.ie. The cost of the three-day programme is **€450**.

DAY 1 - MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Chair: Pat McLoughlin Alzheimer's Society of Ireland

THEME:

PERSONHOOD, SELF AND NEUROSCIENCE

8.30	Registration	
9.15	Prof. Pat Dolan, Director, Institute for Lifecourse & Society NUI Galway	Opening Address
9.30	Prof Deborah O'Connor: University of British Columbia	Personhood and dementia
11.00	Coffee	
11.30	Prof Steven Sabat: University of Georgetown	Maintaining the self in dementia
1.00	Lunch	
2.00	Prof. O'Shea NUI Galway(Chair) Panel: Cathy Ryan, Prof Kate Irving, Prof. Suzanne Cahill, Dr. Maria Pierce	Methodology Discussion: Ethical and practical issues in conducting social research on dementia.
3.30	Coffee	
4.00	Prof. Sabat (Lead): University of Georgetown	Group exercise-based work The practice of personhood in dementia
5.00	Prof. Ian Robertson: Trinity College Dublin	Neuroscience and dementia

DAY 2 - TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Chair: Prof. Suzanne Cahill

THEME:

PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS, OUTCOMES AND CITIZENSHIP

9.30	Prof. Bob Woods: University of Bangor:	Psychosocial interventions in dementia – methodologies and measurement
11	Coffee	
11.30	Prof. Bob Woods (Lead): University of Bangor:	Group exercise-based work: What does the research on psychosocial interventions for people with dementia tell us?
1.00	Lunch	
2.00	Prof. Gail Mountain: University of Bradford:	Dementia outcome measures
3.30	Coffee	
4.00	Prof. Gail Mountain (Lead): University of Bradford:	Group exercise-based work: What should be included in outcome measures in dementia?
5.00	Prof Deborah O'Connor: University of British Columbia	Citizenship and dementia

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Chair: Dr. Fiona Keogh

THEME:

MEASUREMENT AND ECONOMICS IN DEMENTIA

9.30	Prof. Fiona Matthews: University of Newcastle	Prevalence and incidence over time in dementia
11.00	Coffee	
11.30	Prof. Fiona Matthews (Lead): University of Newcastle	Group exercise-based work: What to measure and how to measure in dementia?
1.00	Lunch	
2.00	Prof. Adelina Comas: London School of Economics	Economics of dementia – key questions
3.30	Coffee	
4.00	Prof. Adelina Comas (Lead): London School of Economics	Group exercise-based work: Estimating costs and outcomes in dementia
5.00	Prof. Eamon O'Shea NUI Galway	Measurement challenges for Ireland