

# The Final Countdown



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We are in the final throes of preparation for [The Ageing in Common conference](#) next week, and are looking forward to welcoming many members to take part in what we envisage will be a completely unique event in the UK care sector. Over the [16th to the 18th April 2018](#) we will be welcoming delegates from across the globe to hear about innovation, research, new models, technological changes, political reform, Human Rights, best practice, community action, intergenerational working, home care, nursing provision, workforce, leadership, global responses to dementia, learning disability and older people, LGBT rights and so much more.

<p><b>WHO – Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020 – 2030</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WHO agenda and challenge of preparing for the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030</li> <li>• Dignity in care amongst elders &amp; the protection of human rights &amp; prevention of elder abuse</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chair: Margie van Zyl Chapman, Chairperson, South African Care Forum</b> <b>Dr John Beard, Director, Department of Ageing &amp; Life Course, World Health Organisation, Geneva</b> <b>Sailesh Mishra, Founder, Silver Innings Foundation, Mumbai</b></p>
<p><b>Alzheimer’s International</b> A Dementia Friendly Commonwealth</p>	<p><b>Jeremy Hughes CBE, CEO, Alzheimer’s Society</b></p>

We will be joined by delegates and speakers from England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, India, Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria, Malawi, South Africa, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Myanmar, Kenya, Nairobi and Cameroon, Canada and the USA. Many delegates have been supported by bursary payments, and we are very grateful to [QCS](#) who have provided significant support to bring Commonwealth delegates to the event, plus other places which have been supported by Age International and Care England.

<p><b>WORKSHOPS- Older People and Communities</b></p>	
<p><b>Workshop 1 – Intergenerational Communities</b></p>	<p><b>Chair: David Williams, CEO, St. Monica Trust</b> <b>Stephen Burke, Director, United for All Ages</b> <b>Dr. Melrose Stewart, School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Birmingham</b></p>
<p><b>Workshop 2 – Building Communities</b></p> <p>The Retirement Villages Association Inc</p> <p>Senior Living India... A Need Whose Time Has Come!!!</p>	<p><b>Chair: Michael Voges, Executive Director, ARCO</b></p> <p><b>John Collyns, Executive Director, Retirement Villages Association, New Zealand</b> <b>Mansoor Dalal, Founder and Chairman, Association of Senior Living, India</b></p>

The Ageing in Common conference will share new research into Ageing across the Commonwealth presented by the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing. Meet the winners of the Care Innovation

Challenge, receive a private showing of the specially commissioned opera for care homes and hear from the fantastic Occasional Orchestra, specialists in music therapy for people living with dementia. Alongside this we will be welcoming our second cohort of [Rising Stars](#) supported by [Carterwood](#), host the inaugural Intergenerational Expert Reference group, facilitate a truly global leadership summit including representatives from the Global Ageing Network and bring together for the first time speakers from across the UK to discuss the reform of adult social care.

**Panel - Reform across the UK**

**Chair: David Brindle, Public Services Editor, The Guardian**

**Rt Hon Professor Paul Burstow, Chair, Social Care Institute for Excellence**

**Dr Donald Macaskill, CEO, Scottish Care**

**Julienne Meyer CBE, Professor of Nursing: Care for Older People, University of London**

**Mary Wimbury, CEO, Care Forum Wales**

**Jillian Martin, Professional Officer, Older People and Community Care Lead, Office of Social Services  
Department of Health, Northern Ireland**

A final few day delegate spaces remain – so do contact the [NCF office](#) for more details. This is such an exciting opportunity to connect with care providers across the globe, and not have to travel any further than Reading for the pleasure! [Click here to view the online programme](#)