



# The Oxford Institute of Ageing Spring School

## 'The Multi-Disciplinary Toolkit for Global Ageing Research'

### Aim of the Spring School:

- **To empower participants with skills and tools needed**
- **To foster research capability in the field of global ageing**
- **To strengthen existing and build new networks**

### Speakers will include:

- Prof. Thomas Kirkwood, *Newcastle University*
- Prof. Kurt Luescher, *University of Konstanz*
- Prof. James Smith, *RAND Corporation*
- Prof. Joanna Bornat, *Open University*
- Prof. Angela McLean, *Oxford University*
- Prof. Sarah Harper, *Oxford University*
- Dr. George Leeson, *Oxford University*
- Dr. Chris Davis, *Oxford University*
- Dr. Andreas Hoff, *Oxford University*.

### Programme Outline

The school will be launched with a welcome reception on Sunday 19 April from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The four day programme commencing on Monday 20 April through to noon on Thursday 23 April will offer four tailored streams: All four will contain plenary speakers and themed workshops and plenty of opportunity for networking and interaction.

### Foundation with optional Quantitative and Qualitative Workshops:

Multi-disciplinary stream designed for first-time participants offering interaction & discussion with leading experts

More advanced participants have the choice to leave the stream at intervals and select advanced workshops in quantitative and qualitative research methods:

**Advanced Quantitative Workshops:** Breakout groups with focus on statistical methods, economics and demography; Featuring advanced training in ELSA and Time Use Survey.

**Advanced Qualitative Workshops:** Breakout groups with focus on methods and analysis in ethnography, in-depth interviewing and Oral History.

### Practical:

Stream to encourage thoughtful reflection on community practice and develop method for evaluation. Two levels included:

- Active Ageing – addressing social care as well as best practices
- Health Care – looking at ageing issues from a medical perspective

**The Oxford Spring School qualifies in many cases for your institution's research and conference funding – so ask your Institution for support!**

### The Oxford Institute of Ageing

The Oxford Institute of Ageing is a multi-disciplinary research institute which believes that the production of high quality, strategic research, which informs and is informed by good policy and practice, will lead to a greater understanding of societies as they age.

The overwhelming success of the first Spring School held in April 2008 underlined the need for an academic network focussing on skill-building and information sharing within the global ageing research community. The skills acquired by the participants at all levels have proven highly applicable to their research at the local level. In addition, these newly established networks have resulted in several concrete research projects and ideas which span several countries.

### Social Activities:

Oxford, named as the City of Dreaming Spires for its harmonious architecture, is well known for its leading University founded in the 11th century. Today it remains the United Kingdom's top university for the 7th year running as well as one of the top ten universities worldwide.

What makes the university truly unique is its collegiate system which enables students and academics to belong to an all encompassing international institution at the same time to a smaller college community. Spring School participants will enjoy this experience by dining at one of the oldest historic colleges. There will also be opportunity to enjoy the city and surrounding area.



#### SPRING SCHOOL 2008 PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

*"Future schools have to keep the amazing diversity we have here now (people, places, perspectives, disciplines, ages, etc.). This made the school the success it has been – take the toolkit to the next level!"* **Canada**

*"To be a researcher on ageing, you couldn't miss this opportunity to see and learn about the recent issues discussed in the Spring School!"*

**Poland**

*"Astonishing sense of community developed in three days through shared interests. There was also a huge sense of an underlying compassion and sense of deep concern for human welfare in general that was actually quite moving!"* **United Kingdom**

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*"Excellent work with a lot of efficiency. The diversity of lectures and workshops increased my knowledge and broadened my horizon"* **Nigeria**

*"The whole theme of ageing was looked at from various perspectives. That itself was excellent as was the team spirit at the school!"* **India**

#### Format

The school will address concepts and tools in demography, bio-demography, bio-medical research and practice, economics, sociology, health and policy. Special emphasis will be placed on developing methodological skills, both from quantitative and qualitative perspectives. Additional opportunities for networking and informal discussion will be provided through poster sessions, research discussions and workshops. There will be an opportunity for participants to submit an abstract and present their own research findings.

#### Participation

As there are a restricted number of places available we encourage submission of your registration and bio-sketch forms as soon as possible.

Applicants are requested to submit payment of their registration fee by **2 April 2009**. To complete the registration process, please fill in the registration form, bio-sketch form and payment in the online store – access these forms online at: **[www.ageing.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ageing.ox.ac.uk)**

#### Registration Fee

£550 – includes reception, 1 dinner, 4 lunches, refreshments, school materials

£800 – includes 4 nights' accommodation, reception, 1 dinner, 4 lunches, refreshments, school materials

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A four day course on aspects of ageing research for practising researchers, academics and graduate students