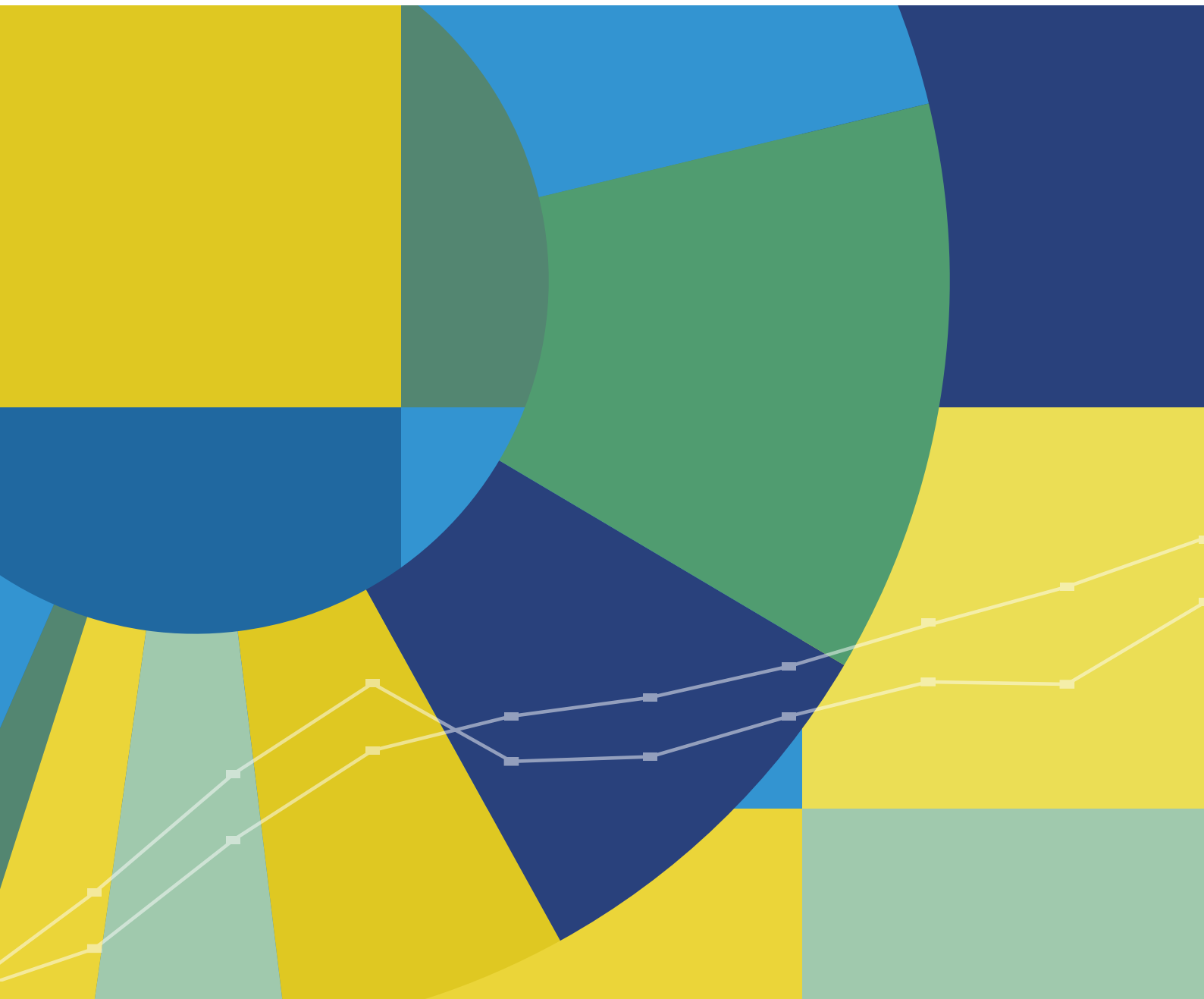


25th Anniversary Lecture Series: New Policies for a New Era



Introduction

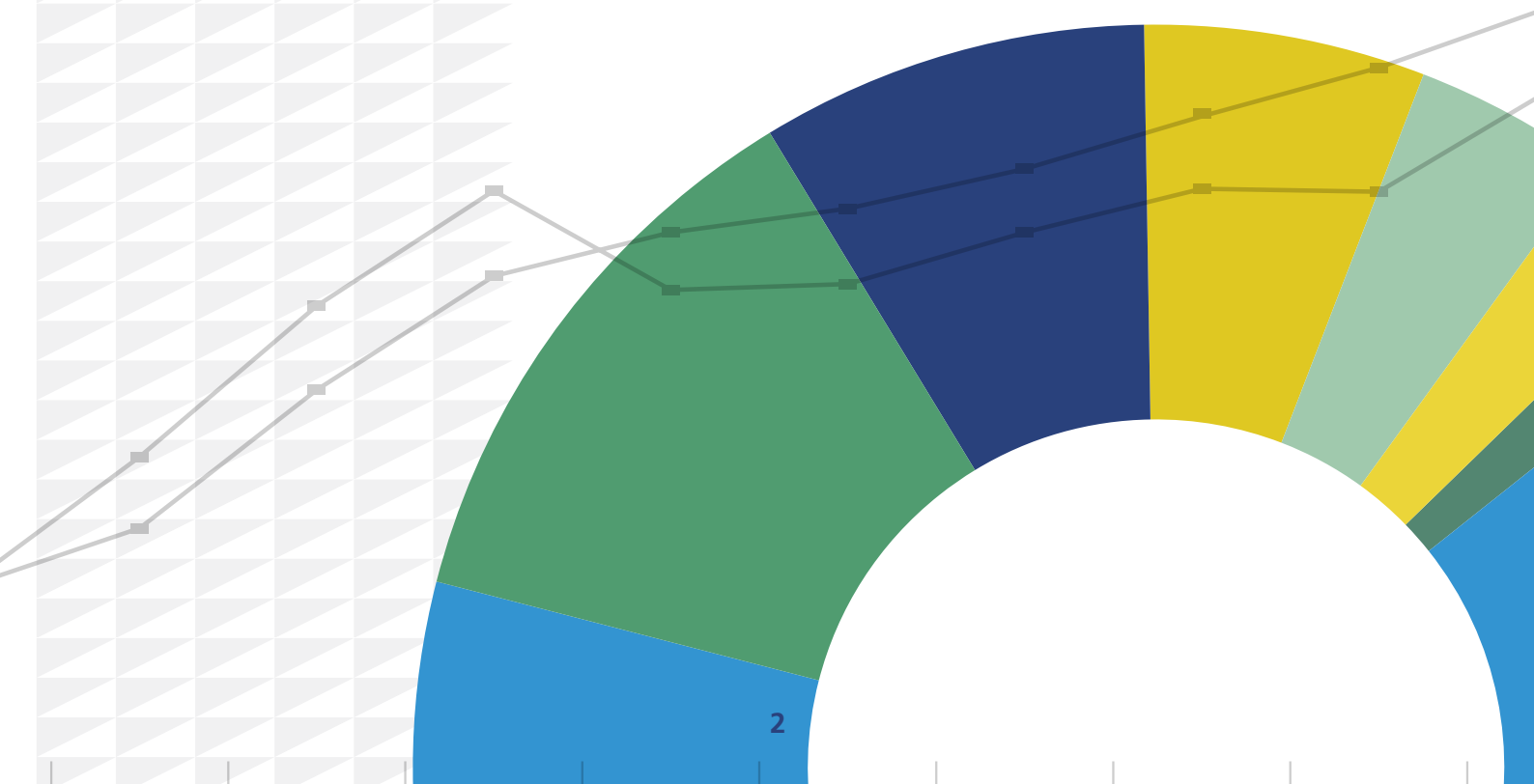
Belfast Healthy Cities (BHC) is pleased to announce a new series of lectures timed to coincide with our 25th anniversary, which will explore a range of health related topics. Our series will draw on local and international expertise and experience and examine how health is an issue which crosses all policy areas and demographics.

Good health benefits all sectors and the whole of society by underpinning social and economic development and strengthening policies across all sectors. The economic and fiscal crisis facing many countries presents serious challenges and has the potential to undermine the positive progress that has been made on tackling health inequalities. There remains a need to tackle the challenge of improving the health of all society through a 'health equity in all policies' and intersectoral approach.

The new World Health Organization European Health 2020 strategy recognises the diversity of work across Europe to tackle inequalities and revitalises efforts to improve health for all; reducing health inequalities improving leadership and participatory governance for health.

This lecture series provides a unique opportunity to engage and hear from renowned local speakers as well as from Europe who have shown true leadership in promoting and tackling health inequalities. It also provides an opportunity to celebrate 25 years of Belfast being a World Health Organization Healthy City.

The opening lecture is entitled "Health Inequalities, New Policies for a New Era."



At a glance...

Lecture 1: Health Inequalities, New Policies for a New Era

**Thursday 25 October 2012
(1pm- 4.45pm) Titanic Belfast**

Dr Erio Ziglio, Head, World Health Organization European Office for Investment for Health and Development

Professor Mike Kelly, Director of the Centre of Public Health, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Dr Anna Ritsatakis, WHO Expert Advisor, Health Equity

Mr Knut-Johan Rognlien, Head, The Public Health Unit, Østfold County Council, Norway

Lecture 2: Creating Resilient Communities and Supportive Environments

**Thursday 8 November 2012
(9.30 – 1pm)
Lagan Suite, Hilton Hotel, Belfast**

Mr Henry Johnston, Director of Programme for Government, Economics, Statistics, Delivering Social Change & Executive Funds Division, OFMDFM

Professor Jennie Popay, Professor of Sociology and Public Health, Lancaster University

Ms Laura Dosanjh, Director of Applied Innovation, Young Foundation

Lecture 3: Investing in Children and Young People Pays Dividends

**Wednesday 12 December 2012
(1.15pm – 4.30pm)
Riddell Hall, QUB, Belfast**

Dr Carolyn Harper, Executive Medical Director / Director of Public Health, Public Health Agency

Professor Alan Dyson, Co-Director, Centre for Equity in Education, University of Manchester

Ms Dorothy Currie, Senior Statistician, Child & Adolescent Health Research Unit, University of St Andrews, Scotland

Mr Les Allamby, Director, Law Centre for Northern Ireland

Lecture 4: Planning and Regeneration, Sustainable and Healthy

**Tuesday 15 January 2013
(9.30 – 1pm)**

Canada Room, QUB

Mr Peter McNaney, Chief Executive, Belfast City Council

Mr Chris Bailey, Head of Partnerships and Innovation, Westway Development Trust

Dr Aideen McGinley, Chief Executive, Ilex Urban Regeneration Company

Dr Russell Jones, Public Health Programme Manager, Glasgow Centre for Population Health and Healthy City Coordinator

Lecture 5: A Life Course Approach: Healthy and Active Ageing

**Thursday 14 February 2013
(9.30 – 1pm)
Canada Room, QUB**

Ms Anne O'Reilly, Chief Executive, Age NI

Councillor Bernie Kelly, Chair, Cross Party Political Reference Group for Older People, Belfast City Council

Dr Manfred Huber, Coordinator, Healthy Ageing, Disability and Long-term Care, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Professor Furio Honsell, Mayor of Udine, Italy

Lecture 6: Leadership and Governance for Health

**Tuesday 26 March 2013
(9.30 – 1pm)
Belfast City Hall**

Dr Andrew McCormick, Permanent Secretary, DHSSPS (To be confirmed)

Professor Ilona Kickbusch, Director, Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, Geneva

Dr Jessica Allen, Project Director, Marmot Review, University College London

Lecture 1:

Date: Thursday 25 October 2012 (1pm- 4.45pm)

Venue: Titanic, Belfast

Chair:

Dr Eddie Rooney, Chief Executive, Public Health Agency

Opening Address:

To Be Confirmed

Keynote speaker:

Dr Erio Ziglio, Head, World Health Organization European Office for Investment for Health and Development, *Health: A major resource and asset. Health 2020 WHO European Strategy*

Speaker:

Professor Mike Kelly, Director of the Centre of Public Health, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, *Tackling the social gradient: What works?*

Speaker:

Dr Anna Ritsatakis, WHO Expert Advisor, *Tackling the social determinants of inequalities in health: a framework for action*

Speaker:

Mr Knut-Johan Rognlien, Head, The Public Health Unit, Østfold County Council, Norway, *Mobilising action on Inequalities: A Norwegian regional approach*

Health Inequalities, New Policies for a New Era

The strategic benefits of adopting a 'Health in All Policies' approach are increasingly becoming recognised by local and national Governments across Europe. The new WHO European Health 2020 strategy framework highlights that 'Health in All Policies' is designed to make governance for health and wellbeing a priority for more than just the health sector. The benefits flow in two directions since all sectors understand and act on their responsibility for health while recognising how health affects other sectors.

This lecture will outline priorities to tackle health inequalities and practical examples of interventions to address inequalities within Northern Ireland, England and across Europe.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr Erio Ziglio

Dr. Erio Ziglio has been the Head of the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development in Venice since 2002.

In addition to his 20 years of work with the World Health Organization, he has over 15 years of professional experience in the academic world both in Europe and North America. He worked for the European Commission for three years as a public health consultant in the late 1980s. He has lectured internationally and published widely on the subjects of health promotion, health policy and planning and health and development. He held an Honorary Professorship at the University of York, and was an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, where he received his PhD in 1985. For several years he was a part of the international teaching staff of the Public Health School at Yale University.

Professor Mike Kelly

Professor Mike Kelly is Director of the Centre of Public Health Excellence at National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) where he leads on the development of public health guidance. Professor Kelly's research interests are in evidence based approaches to health improvement, public health research and health inequalities.

Dr Anna Ritsatakis

Dr Anna Ritsatakis was appointed Regional Adviser for Health Policies and Equity in Health in the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Copenhagen in 1988. In that capacity, her main responsibility was in advising countries on the development of national policies for health, based on the WHO Health for All (HFA) principles. In 1999 until her retirement, she moved to Brussels to establish and head the WHO European Centre for Health Policy (ECHP). Dr Ritsatakis is currently a WHO advisor on Health Equity.

Mr Knut-Johan Rognlien

Knut-Johan Rognlien is the head of The Public Health Unit in Østfold County Council in Norway.

He is also the manager of the regional public health partnership The Public Health Programme in Østfold, that consist of all the municipalities, the County Governor, the local hospital, Østfold University College and number of NGOs.

Lecture 2:

**Date: Thursday 8
November 2012
(9.30 – 1pm)**

**Venue: Lagan Suite, Hilton
Hotel, Belfast**

Chair:

Mr Mark O'Donnell, Department
for Social Development, Belfast
Regeneration Office

Opening address:

Mr Henry Johnston, Director of
Programme for Government,
OFMDFM, *Building community
resilience through Programme
for Government*

Keynote speaker:

Professor Jennie Popay,
Lancaster University, *Exclusionary
processes and vulnerable spaces:
addressing the drivers of health
inequalities*

Speaker:

Ms Laura Dosanjh, Director
of Applied Innovation, Young
Foundation, *Building Community
Resilience and Wellbeing:
practical examples*

Question time/panel debate:

Panel members: Dr Leslie
Boydell, Belfast Health & Social
Care Trust, (Chair of Panel)
Henry Johnston; Jennie Popay;
Laura Dosanjh; Jacqueline Irwin,
Community Relations; Seamus
Mullen, Public Health Agency;
Brendan McDonnell, Community
Evaluation Northern Ireland

Creating Resilient Communities and Supportive Environments

The fostering of resilience is critical to protecting and promoting health and wellbeing at both the individual and community level. Resilient communities respond proactively to new or adverse situations, prepare for economic, social and environmental change and deal better with crisis and hardship.

This lecture will explore ways to build resilience including the complexities within Northern Ireland communities, as well as ensure processes and structures in place do not exclude the most vulnerable in our society.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Mr Henry Johnston

Mr Henry Johnston is Director of Programme for Government in the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister. He is involved in several aspects of the Delivering Social Change initiative including the Policy Project, Research Project, Social Investment and Social Protection Funds as well as responsible for Sustainable Policy and for the provision of economic and statistical services in OFMDFM.

Mr Johnston joined the Northern Ireland Civil Service after leaving university, working in information technology systems, methodologies and infrastructure for use by the Health and Personal Social Services. In 2002 he moved to DSD and spent 10 years working in urban and social policy development and implementation, before joining OFMDFM in December 2011.

Professor Jennie Popay

Jennie Popay is Professor of Sociology and Public Health at Lancaster University. Her research interests include the social determinants of health inequalities at global and national levels including inequalities by social class, gender and ethnicity and determinants such as social exclusion; poverty and inequalities in income and wealth.

Ms Laura Dosanjh

Ms Laura Dosanjh is the Director of Applied Innovation at the Young Foundation. She leads a team who pioneer work applying the knowledge, tools and innovations developed by the Young Foundation. The team carry out work in Health, with Local Government, Central Government, international bodies, and with local communities, specialising in social design, community participation and resilience, youth transitions and ageing.

Lecture 3:

**Date: Wednesday 12
December 2012
(1.15pm – 4.30pm)**

**Venue: Riddell Hall,
QUB, Belfast**

Chair:

Ms Celine McStravick, Director,
National Children's Bureau

Opening Address:

Dr Carolyn Harper, Director of
Public Health, Public Health
Agency, *Better outcomes for
children and young people:
policy context*

Keynote speaker:

Professor Alan Dyson,
Co-Director, Centre for Equity
in Education, University of
Manchester, *Building a holistic
strategy to improve outcomes
for children and young people*

Speaker:

Ms Dorothy Currie, Senior
Statistician, University
of St Andrews, Scotland,
*Health behaviour of school
aged children, results of an
international study*

Speaker:

Mr Les Allamby, Director, Law
Centre for Northern Ireland,
*Impacts of the welfare reform on
children and their families*

Question time

*This lecture will be
followed by the Belfast
Healthy Cities Annual
General Meeting at 5.00pm*

Investing in Children and Young People Pays Dividends

There is an increasing political consensus that tackling the disadvantages which prevent some children doing well – not least in education – should be a regional and cross sectorial priority. However, there is not yet full agreement on the appropriate methods for achieving this desired outcome. The answer may lie in tackling childhood poverty, or in improving access to services, or a combination of actions.

This lecture will explore these questions, and look at how local and national policy impact on the social determinants of health affecting children and young people. It will also explore factors that influence long term lifestyle habits which start in childhood.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr Carolyn Harper

Dr Carolyn Harper is Executive Medical Director/Director of Public Health of Public Health Agency. Dr Harper was previously Deputy Chief Medical Officer in the DHSSPS. She trained in general practice before moving into public health and also worked as Director of Quality Improvement for the Quality Improvement Organisation in California.

Prof Alan Dyson

Alan Dyson is Professor of Education in the University of Manchester where he co-directs the Centre for Equity in Education and leads work on education in urban contexts. Formerly Professor of Special Needs Education and Director of the Special Needs Research Centre at the University of Newcastle, Professor Dyson has worked in universities since 1988. Prior to that, he spent 13 years as a teacher, mainly in urban comprehensive schools.

Ms Dorothy Currie

Dorothy Currie is Senior Statistician in the Child & Adolescent Health Research Unit of University of St Andrews provides statistical expertise and advice for the unit. She currently works on several major research projects including the International Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) study. Dorothy's original background was in population genetics.

Mr Les Allamby

Les Allamby has been director of the Law Centre (NI) since 1995. From 1999 - 2004 he was the independent chairperson of the Standards Committee which reports to the Chief Executive of the Child Support Agency and Social Security Agency on the quality of social security decision-making. He has also been a member of the alleviating hardship working group looking at the impact of the welfare reform.

Lecture 4:

Date: Tuesday 15 January 2013 (9.30 – 1pm)

Venue: Canada Room, QUB

Chair:

Mr John McPeake, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Opening Address:

Mr Peter McNaney, Chief Executive, Belfast City Council, *Regenerating the city: planning for a new era*

Keynote speaker:

Mr Chris Bailey, Head of Partnerships and Innovation, Westway Development Trust, *Making a purse from a sow's ear – how imaginative regeneration can create added value from neglected spaces*

Speaker:

Dr Aideen McGinley, Chief Executive, Ilex Urban Regeneration Company, *Mobilising partners: One Plan for Derry*

Speaker:

Dr Russell Jones, Public Health Programme Manager, Glasgow Centre for Population Health & Healthy City Coordination, *Healthy Cities, Healthy people and planning – the links*

Question time: Chair: Mr John McMullan, Executive Director, Bryson Charitable Group

Planning and Regeneration, Sustainable and Healthy

A 'whole of society' approach to improving health and wellbeing goes beyond institutions: it requires mobilisation across policies, Departments and delivery agents. For sustainable, healthy and holistic regeneration it is vital to address the future of both people and places. Local Government will soon take on responsibility for land use planning and community planning – this is the time to work to ensure that health and wellbeing are a priority within these new revised structures.

This lecture will explore the links between the built/natural environment and health as well as provide many practical examples of how regeneration and healthy urban planning supports the building of community assets.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Mr Peter McNaney

Mr Peter McNaney has been the Chief Executive of Belfast City Council since January 2002. Mr McNaney is a solicitor by profession and has worked for the council for 28 years in a range of different posts. He sits on a number of regional and UK steering bodies dealing with issues such as good relations, community safety, economic development and review of public administration.

He is a member of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) and serves on the UK editorial board of the SOLACE Foundation, a body set up to commission research on public sector policy-making and good practice.

Mr Chris Bailey

Mr Chris Bailey has been Head of Partnerships and Innovation of Westway Development Trust since August 2011. Westway Development Trust is a charitable social enterprise involved in urban regeneration, education, arts and sports development. Previous posts included Regeneration Manager and Head of Communications and Public Involvement within the trust.

Dr Aideen McGinley

Dr Aideen McGinley is currently the Chief Executive of Ilex Ltd, a major regeneration company in Derry. Former posts include: Chief Executive for Fermanagh District Council; Permanent Secretary for the Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure; and Permanent Secretary for the Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland.

Dr Russell Jones

Dr Russell Jones is Healthy City Coordinator and Public Health Programme Manager for Glasgow Centre for Population Health. He leads the programme on 'healthy urban planning', focusing on ways in which urban planning can have a positive impact on health, well-being and quality of life. Russell also takes forward the Centre's work on health impact assessment.

Lecture 5:

**Date: Thursday 14
February 2013
(9.30 – 1pm)**

**Venue:
Canada Room, QUB**

Chair:

Mr Iain Deboys, Commissioning
Head for Belfast, Health and
Social Care Board

Opening Address:

Ms Anne O'Reilly, Chief
Executive, Age NI
Councillor Bernie Kelly, Chair,
Cross Party Political Reference
Group for Older People, Belfast
City Council, *Healthy and Active
Ageing: NI policy and political
context*

Keynote speaker:

Dr Manfred Huber, Coordinator,
Healthy Ageing, Disability and
Long-term Care, WHO Regional
Office for Europe, *WHO Healthy
Ageing Policy and Age Friendly
Cities*

Speaker:

Professor Furio Honsell, Mayor
of Udine, Italy, *Creative social
inclusion programmes for older
people in Udine*

Parallel session/Case Studies:
Examples from European Healthy
Cities

A Life Course Approach: Healthy and Active Ageing

Healthy and active ageing starts at birth. Healthy adults are more productive and healthy older people can continue to contribute actively to society and enjoy a more satisfying lifestyle. A strategic focus on healthy living for both young and older people is particularly valuable to supporting good health throughout the lifespan.

This lecture will explore local and European policy as well as practice from across a wide range of cities in Europe which demonstrate a healthy ageing approach.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Ms Anne O'Reilly

Ms Anne O'Reilly is Chief Executive of Age NI and has worked in the voluntary sector for over 14 years. Ms O'Reilly was formerly Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Equality Commission.

Councillor Bernie Kelly

Councillor Bernie Kelly is a Belfast City Councillor for the Balmoral area. She is Chair of the Council's Cross Party Political Reference Group for Older People. Cllr Kelly also sits on the Council's Development Committee; Parks and Leisure Committee (Deputy Chairman) and Housing Forum

Dr Manfred Huber

Dr Manfred Huber is Coordinator of Healthy Ageing, Disability and Long Term Care in the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe. He was previously Director, Health and Care, at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna. Dr Huber also worked for ten years with the OECD in Paris, where he was in charge of Health and Ageing, long-term care policy, and health indicators and health accounting.

Professor Furio Honsell

In 1990 Furio Honsell was appointed as professor at the University of Udine, where he became Director of the Computing Centre, the Department of Mathematics and Computing. From 2001 - 2008 he was Rector of the University of Udine and from 2001 - 2010 he was President of the Science and Technology Park of Udine and Vice-President of the National Association for the Promotion of European Research. Since 2008 he has been the Mayor of the Municipality of Udine.

Lecture 6:

Date: Tuesday 26 March 2013 (9.30 – 1pm)

Venue: Belfast City Hall

Chair:

Dr Eddie Rooney, Chief Executive, Public Health Agency

Opening Address:

Dr Andrew McCormick, Permanent Secretary, DHSSPS, *DHSSPS commitment to governance, innovation and leadership (To be confirmed)*

Keynote speaker:

Professor Ilona Kickbusch, Director, Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, *Improving leadership and participatory governance for health*

Speaker:

Dr Jessica Allen, Project Director, Marmot Review, University College London, *Impacts of the economic downturn on health inequalities*

Question time/panel debate:

Panel members: Dr Bernadette Cullen, Public Health Agency (Chair of panel), Colm Donaghy, Chief Executive, Health & Social Care Trust; Eddie Rooney, Chief Executive, Public Health Agency; Peter McNaney, Chief Executive, Belfast City Council

Leadership and Governance for Health

Governance for health promotes the joint action of health and non health sectors, of public and private actors and of citizens for a common interest. It requires a convergent set of policies, many of which reside in sectors other than health as well as some which are outside of Government. This collaboration is more urgent than ever during such a period of austerity.

This lecture will explore how organisations can take up the challenge and provide clear leadership for health.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr Andrew McCormick

Dr Andrew McCormick has been Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety since August 2005. He read Geology at University College, Oxford and has a doctorate in geochemistry from Queen's University, Belfast. Dr McCormick joined the Northern Ireland Civil Service in 1980, and worked in the Department of Finance & Personnel (DFP) and the Department of Education between 1980 and 2002, when he became Second Permanent Secretary, DFP.

Professor Ilona Kickbusch

Professor Ilona Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. She has had a distinguished career with the World Health Organization and advises organisations, government agencies and the private sector on policies and strategies to promote health at the national, European and international level. She has published widely and is a member of a number of advisory boards in both the academic and the health policy arena. Professor Kickbusch has received many awards and served as the Adelaide Thinker in Residence at the invitation of the Premier of South Australia advising Government on Health in all Policies.

Dr Jessica Allen

Dr Jessica Allen is a Deputy Director of the University College London Institute of Health Equity. Her main activities are working to embed a social determinants approach to health inequalities in England and globally. She is co-director of the Review of Social Determinants of Health and the Health Divide in the WHO European Region and was previously Project Director of the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England post-2010 (the Marmot Review). Prior to her work at UCL she was Head of Health and Social Care at IPPR, research fellow in public health at the Kings Fund, and worked at Unicef and LSE.

Lectures are free of charge

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