

**Citizens' Assembly**

**Work Programme Item 2: The Challenges and Opportunities of an Ageing Population**

**Weekend 6**

**Detailed Conversation Starters: Facilitators and Note Takers**

**General Instructions for Roundtable Discussions following presentations:**

- Hear from everyone and as you do, enforce the ground-rules, firmly and with good humour. In particular, encourage people to be respectful of others and to share the airtime.
- Remember that the speakers are available for any questions or clarifications if required during the discussion. The Secretariat is also available for any clarification.
- Spend the last 5-10 minutes recapping the conversation to ensure that the key points are captured for inclusion in the table summary.
- As members may still be nervous/ uncomfortable with speaking in the public Q&A session on this topic later, you should also capture the top 3 questions which emerge in the discussion, and should be prepared to ask them on behalf of the table if called upon to do so by the Judge.
- Complete the standard feedback template sheet based on the last 5-10 minutes of conversation. Retain the feedback sheet for collection at the end of the discussion.

**Saturday Morning**

***11.30am Sessions 1 and 2: Demographic Trends and Projections and What is it like to age in Ireland***

The purpose of this round table discussion is to:

- help members understand the information they have heard
- embed that knowledge and to document key themes arising from the conversation.
- capture the key questions which emerge during the discussion.
- Remember to use the last five minutes of the session to recap the discussion and agree with the Members what keys you might ask on their behalf (if required)

You'll have **35 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

**Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:**

1. What were the most important findings reported on demographics. Did anything surprise you?
2. What were the most important findings reported on what it is like to age in Ireland. Did anything surprise you?
3. What are the main opportunities of an ageing population?
4. What are the main challenges of an ageing population?
5. Is there anything from your own personal experience that didn't come up in the sessions so far?

### Saturday Afternoon

**3.45pm** *Roundtable Discussion on Long-term support and care. Facilitating Independent Living.* Michael Browne, Pat Healy, two interviews, Eamon O'Fearghaile, Family Carer, Anthea Tinker

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- capture the key questions which emerge during the discussion.
- Remember to use the last five minutes of the session to recap the discussion and agree with the Members what keys you might ask on their behalf (if required)

You'll have **40 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

#### **Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:**

1. What care options are currently available for older people in Ireland?
2. What are the main challenges for older people in accessing these services and what are the gaps in services?
3. How important is leadership and implementation in delivering services for older people?
4. Are there any aspects of the care models from other countries that you think should be introduced in Ireland?

### Sunday Morning

**10.15am** *Who pays and who regulates-* **Eamon O'Shea**

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- capture the key questions which emerge during the discussion.
- Remember to use the last five minutes of the session to recap the discussion and agree with the Members what keys you might ask on their behalf (if required)

You'll have **35 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

**Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:**

1. Do you understand how long-term care (regardless of setting) is funded in Ireland
2. What are the advantages/ disadvantages of the current system
3. What alternative to the current funding arrangement would you suggest?
4. Should people be entitled to funding for long-term care similar to funding for acute care?

**11.45am Roundtable Brainstorming**

You'll have **45 minutes** for this part of the meeting.

**Conversation Starters/ Suggested Questions to guide discussions:**

*\*See paper circulated separately*