



COST Action CA 15122

Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion (ROSEnet)

*Policy Challenges in Life Courses of Social Exclusion
Swansea (Wales) 24 June 2019 – 27 June 2019*

**Training School 2019
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

We are pleased to announce the fourth ROSEnet Training School which will take place in Swansea, Wales from **24th to 27th June 2019** at the **Centre for Innovative Ageing, Swansea University (Wales)**.

A fundamental premise of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is to 'leave no one behind'. This premise has motivated ROSEnet members to come together toward understanding exclusion across the life course, highlighting inequities and taking action toward creating more inclusive societies.

The purpose of the workshop on *Policy Challenges in Life Courses of Social Exclusion* is to engage with Early Career Investigators to examine links between theory and research in Social Exclusion and the policies and practices that could reduce social exclusion within their own countries and settings. Joining us in this exchange are researchers from ROSEnet and theorists and researchers in life courses of ageing; experts in social policy and practice and advocates for including older people. They will share their expertise about pathways of policy development and work closely with participants toward making the linkages between their own research and policy.

The workshop will take a 'participatory' and 'inclusive' approach with participants encouraged to contribute at every opportunity – with the mentors, speakers and each other – and produce their own policy brief. At the end of the workshop all participants to be equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to link their research with policy and practice. The goal is to bring about real world solutions to all forms of social exclusion.

Policy Challenges in Life Courses of Social Exclusion
Provisional Programme

Monday 24th June

- 17.00 **Maria Cheshire-Allen & Bethan Winter**, Welcome and Introduction to the workshop
- 17.15 **Vanessa Burholt**, Introduction of COST ROSEnet & policy relevant research
- 17.30 Opening address
Heléna Herklots, Older People's Commissioner for Wales. Challenging inequities in policy and practice: Issues confronting older people in Wales
- 18.30 BREAK
- 19.30 Dinner for participants and mentors

Tuesday 25th June

- 8.30 **Maria Cheshire-Allen & Bethan Winter**, Greetings & overview of the workshop programme
- 9.00 Introductions and greetings from local stakeholders
- 9.30 **Session 1:** Keynote address
Phyllis Moen Lifecourse pathways: Toward a good old age?
- 10.30 BREAK
- 11.00 **Workshop 1:** Mapping theoretical lifecourse pathways to exclusion
Chair – **Norah Keating**
- 13.00 LUNCH
- 14.00 **Session 2:** Understanding policy contexts. Global and European policy agendas on social exclusion
Chair: **Paivi Topo**
- 16.00 BREAK
- 16.30 **Workshop 2:** Gaining an insider view of *your* policy context

Chair: **Paivi Topo**

17.30 Close – free time

19.00 Dinner organised by Swansea CIA postgraduate students & early Career researchers (*optional*)

Wednesday 26th June

9.00 **Session 3:** Identifying policy-relevant themes from research on social exclusion
Chair: **Richard Humphries**
Speakers: **Vanessa Burholt, Jim Ogg, Giovanni Lamura**

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **Workshop 3:** Turning ‘policy-relevant’ social exclusion research themes into compelling ‘policy messages’
Chair: **Richard Humphries**

12.30 Lunch

13.30 **Session 4:** Practicalities of engaging in and influencing policy
Chair: **Gideon Calder**

15.00 Coffee break

15.30 **Workshop 4:** You can do this. Changing lives with the right message at the right time with the right people.
Chair: **Gideon Calder**

17.00 Close – free evening

Thursday 27th June

9.00 **Final Session:** Participants Policy Brief presentations

11.00 Wrap-up and closing

Mentors and Speakers:

Vanessa Burholt, Professor of Gerontology, Director of the Centre for Innovative Ageing, Swansea University, Wales.

Gideon Calder, Senior Lecturer in Social Sciences and Social Policy, Swansea University, Wales.

Maria Cheshire-Allen, Research Officer, Centre for Ageing and Dementia Research, Swansea University, Swansea.

Heléna Herklots, Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Wales.

Richard Humphries, Senior Fellow, The King's Fund, London, England & Visiting Professor, University of Worcester

Norah Keating, Professor of Rural Ageing, Centre for Innovative Ageing, Swansea University, Wales.

Giovanni Lamura, INRCA – IRCCS – National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing, Director of Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing, Ancona, Italy.

Jim Ogg, Ageing research unit, Department of Statistics, Perspective and Research, Caisse nationale d'assurance vieillesse, France

Phyllis Moen, Professor, McKnight Presidential Chair, University of Minnesota

Paivi Topo, Director, The Age Institute, Finland.

Bethan Winter, Research Officer, Centre for Ageing and Dementia Research, Swansea University, Swansea.

Application Guidelines

Who can apply?

COST training schools are mainly aimed at PhD students and early career investigators (ECI)¹, although more senior academics, researchers and policy-makers may also apply. Priority will be given to ECIs. The Training Schools are also open to the Action members. See the COST Guidelines for details: <https://www.cost.eu/cost-actions/how-to-participate/>

Eligibility for financial support:

1. Trainees from COST member countries;
2. Trainees from approved NNC (near neighbour countries) institutions;
3. Trainees from approved European RTD Organisations.

Financial support for trainees

Successful applicants may be eligible to apply for financial support through the COST Action. There are 10 grants available for trainees. The size of these grants can vary depending on the country of origin, although no individual grant can exceed the normal reimbursement rates of COST (see below). The Management Committee of the Action determines the financial contribution for participants attending a training school. This decision is based on the following rules:

- The reimbursement rate per day is 160 € maximum;
- Up to 300 € may be attributed for travel expenses;
- A maximum grant of 1.500 € can be awarded;
- Grants for trainees can vary depending on the country residence of the Trainees (e.g. domestic, near or far countries).

Please note that trainee grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to attending the Training School. The Trainee Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee.

Trainees who are self-funded are also welcome to apply to attend the Training School.

Prior to the Training School, all Trainees must [register on e-COST](#)

Language skills

Unless otherwise indicated, all the modules will take place in English. The ability to speak, read and write fluently in this language is a requirement for participation.

How to apply

You are kindly invited to complete the following application form and to provide the requested documents and arguments in favour of your application. Participation in all COST Training schools is subject to a selective application process. Selection is based on those applications that most clearly correspond to the overall objectives of COST Action CA 15122 and to the content of this Training School.

¹ For COST, this includes people who have received a PhD within the past 8 years.

APPLICATION FORM

COST ACTION CA 15122 Training School N°4

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1. SURNAME:
2. First name(s):
3. Institution (if applicable):
4. Current status (Note: ECIs must be enrolled in a PhD student or have completed their PhD within previous 8 years)
- a) PhD student Yes.... No.....If yes, please indicate university and programme in which you are enrolled.....
- b) Post-doctoral fellow Yes.... No.....If yes, please indicate year of PhD completion and current position.....
- c) Other position Yes.... No.....If yes, please indicate year of PhD completion and current position
5. Country of origin (nationality):
6. Country of residence:
7. E-mail:
8. Telephone: (00)
9. Expected Arrival date:
10. Expected Departure date:
11. Dietary requirements:

Please provide a 1 page synopsis (in English) of your research project / current domains of interest / motivations in relation to the COST Action CA 15122 Training School on *Policy Challenges in Life Courses of Social Exclusion*

Surname, First name :

Title:
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Synopsis of research topic / domains of interest:

Submission Deadline : 1stApril 2018 (midnight GMT) Please complete this application form by **1 April 2019** and send via email to:

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Notification of the results will be sent by 15 April 2018.

Successful applicants will receive information on workshop details and local arrangements including accommodation.