AAG TAS Division invites you to
a presentation by the 2015 Gary Andrews Visiting Fellow,
Professor Mark Skinner on

Voluntarism and Age-friendly Rural Communities in Comparative Perspective

Prof. Skinner will present findings from his current collaborative critique of age-friendliness in rural areas of Australia, Canada and Ireland. This presentation contributes to the development of critically-informed policies and practices on age friendliness by challenging implicit expectations about the role of voluntarism in facilitating ageing in place. Focusing on rural communities, where population ageing is more prevalent and volunteers are under pressure to support older people, the presentation draws together data from Australia, Canada and Ireland into an exploratory analysis of voluntarism and age-friendliness.

The results of his studies reveal how contemporary perspectives on age-friendliness compare with critical perspectives on the role of voluntarism, with key reas of convergence and divergence highlighted at the international, national, community and individual levels. They also show how the local dynamics of voluntarism relate to the age-friendly domains proposed initially by the World Health Organization (WHO), with key linkages examined from individual and community perspectives in contrasting types of rural communities.

A comparative perspective for re-imagining age-friendly policies and practices that takes into account the complexities and dynamics of voluntarism, volunteering and place is developed. Insights into the implications for the development of age-friendly communities and for informing the spatial turn underway in social gerontology will be discussed.

CLICK HERE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PROFESSOR MARK SKINNER

Event Details:
Date: Friday, 13 November 2015
Time: 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Venue: Stanley Burberry Theatre, University of Tasmania
        Churchill Ave, Sandy Bay, TAS
Price: This is a FREE Event

Come along, bring your experience and join the conversation about age-friendly rural communities in our part of the world and internationally.

Best regards,
Dr Kate-Ellen Elliott
President, TAS Division

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