Michaelmas term 2017: CRASSH seminar series ‘Ageing and the City: Everyday Experiences of Older People in Urban Environments’

Please join us at the upcoming CRASSH seminar series ‘Ageing and the City: Everyday Experiences of Older People in Urban Environments’ to be held from 12–2pm on alternate Tuesdays in the Michaelmas and Lent terms at CRASSH, University of Cambridge.

The series is conceived as an ongoing conversation on the key issues surrounding ageing and cities, with our first speakers including:

**Stephen Witherford** (Director, Witherford Watson Mann Architects) with key respondents Ken Worpole (Emeritus Professor, Cities Institute, London Metropolitan University) and Louise Lafontune (Cambridge Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge)

**Chris Phillipson** (Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology, University of Manchester) with key respondents Sheila Peace (Emeritus Professor Social Gerontology, The Open University) and Theodora Bowing (Centre for Urban Conflicts Research, Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge)

**Stephen Hills** (Director of Housing, South Cambridgeshire District Council) with key respondents Clare Gibbons (Project Lead, Northstowe Healthy New Town Programme, South Cambridgeshire District Council) and Calum Mattocks (Cambridge Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge)

**Malcolm Tait** (Professor of Planning, University of Sheffield) with key respondent Gemma Burgess (Senior Research Associate, Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research, Land Economy)

The series is a collaboration between the Department of Architecture, Institute of Public Health and Department of Land Economy and hosted by the Centre for Research in the Arts Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) at the University of Cambridge.

What it means to grow older in cities is a question of increasing importance as world population ageing and urbanisation continue to accelerate. Older people and the cities within which they live, face numerous challenges across areas of health and social care, housing, transport, infrastructure, and the built environment. Cross-disciplinary and multi-levelled approaches are essential for understanding the current condition and development of cities and whether or not they are ‘age friendly’. Recognising this need, this seminar series will bring together researchers, policy makers and practitioners from social and science fields – including architecture, public health, epidemiology, planning, local government and sociology – who influence the production of cities but who too rarely interact. Focused around notions of ‘the everyday’, speakers will reflect on how their work, experiences or research specifically engage with everyday urban environments, the age friendliness of these environments, and why, politically, socially and spatially, they think this is so.

For more information about the series please go to the CRASSH website and Facebook page:


https://www.facebook.com/AgeingAndTheCity/
**Michaelmas Programme:**

10 October 2017

**Living Apart Together: An Almshouse for the 21st Century**
*Stephen Witherford* (Director, Witherford Watson Mann Architects) with key respondents *Ken Worpole* (Emeritus Professor, Cities Institute, London Metropolitan University) and *Louise Lafortune* (Cambridge Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge)

24 October 2017

**Creating 'Age-Friendly Cities': Developing a New Urban Policy Agenda**
*Chris Phillipson* (Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology, co-Director of Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing, University of Manchester)

with key respondents *Sheila Peace* (Emeritus Professor Social Gerontology, The Open University) and *Theodora Bowering* (Centre for Urban Conflicts Research, Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge)

7 November 2017

**Developing an Older People's Housing Strategy in Cambridgeshire**
*Stephen Hills* (Director of Housing, South Cambridgeshire District Council)

with key respondents *Clare Gibbons* (Project Lead, Northstowe Healthy New Town Programme, South Cambridgeshire District Council) and *Calum Mattocks* (Cambridge Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge)

21 November 2017

**Planning for an Ageing Society in an Era of Austerity**
*Malcolm Tait* (Professor of Planning, University of Sheffield)

with key respondents *Gemma Burgess* (Senior Research Associate, Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research, Land Economy) and tbc

All seminars will be held in Seminar Room SG1, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DT