NSW/ACT Dementia Training Study Centre
Master Class - CANBERRA

Working with the Environment to Improve the Care of People with Dementia

Event date: Monday 30 April 2012      Event time: 9:30am – 3:30pm (Registration from 9:00am)
Event venue: Old Parliament House, 18 King George Tce Parkes, ACT, 2600

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Professor Richard Fleming: Director, NSW & ACT Dementia Training Study Centre, University of Wollongong.
Professor Richard Fleming has 30 years experience in geriatric care, including deinstitutionalising psychiatric services for older people while working for the New South Wales government. He is the leader of the Environmental Design node in the Primary Dementia Collaborative Research Centre based in UNSW. His publications include papers on environmental design, reminiscing therapy, reality orientation, assessment of the elderly and service evaluation as well as books on care planning for people with dementia, environmental design and a comparison between Australian and Japanese dementia care.

Colin McDonnell: Care Services Manager, Starrett Lodge. Uniting Care Ageing.
Colin is a Registered Nurse and has completed his Masters degree in Health Science Aged Services. Colin has presented nationally and internationally at conferences on intergenerational programs for people living with dementia. The program to be presented has won The Positive Living in Aged Care Award, A Better Practice Award and The Mental Health Services International Mental Health Award for intergenerational programs for people living with dementia.

TARGET AUDIENCE: This Master Class has been designed for those involved directly in planning, designing and/or evaluating built environments (e.g., residential aged care facilities) for people with dementia. Activities to be undertaken at the Master Class require participants to have direct experience in planning/establishing facilities as part of their current work roles.

OVERVIEW OF KEY CONTENT: This highly interactive Master Class will focus on best-practice design principles in planning/establishing facilities for people with dementia, including methods of identifying the strengths and weaknesses of facilities for people with dementia and examples of ways in which facilities have been improved. If participants bring plans of their facilities (built or in planning) they will be used in an exercise that will help them to apply their knowledge of the design principles to the evaluation of their plans. If participants have not brought plans a simulated planning exercise will be provided. Participants attending the workshop will leave with a greater understanding of the principles underpinning design of successful facilities for people with dementia, a knowledge of how to evaluate the environments they work in and how to apply the findings of the evaluation to improving their facilities.

COST: This Master Class is being provided at no cost to participants under funding from the Australian Government. However, registering to attend the event is essential. Also, please note the specific Target Audience for this event.

CATERING: Complimentary tea and coffee will be served on arrival. In addition, morning tea and a light lunch will be served during the Master Class at no cost to participants.

REGISTRATION: Closes on Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Seating at this event is limited to 40, please register early by completing the attached registration form and submitting it where indicated or by printing and returning the form via email to dementia@uow.edu.au, phone (02) 4221 5927. If you do not receive confirmation of your booking within 3 working days, please contact us to ensure we have received your registration. *Attendance is provided at no cost to participants through funding from the Australian Government*