
Wednesday 27 October 2010

Creative Engagement, Arts and Ageing Expo and Seminar

This was certainly a successful way to conclude our seminar series for 2010.

With 8 exhibitors and close to 50 registrations from people all over the state there was a real buzz to the room. But then again with all that creativity in the one place what else can you expect?

Christine Putlands seminar rounded off the evening and it's fantastic when research and evaluation is translated to real and engaging practice.

If you'd like to download a pdf version of the presentation [click here](#)

Christine's contact details are included.

One of the partners that supported the seminar/expo is investigating the development of a 'virtual' creative engagement network so that people are able to continue to connect and network and potentially develop some practical resources. If you're interested in this concept email Lui.DiVenuto@sa.gov.au

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Writing for publications in A and A* Journals

You are invited to a presentation designed for post-graduate students of ageing on writing for publication in A and A* journals. This session will be presented by [Dr Eva Kemps](#) on July 15th at 2.30pm at Flinders University.

Please see the [flyer for precise details](#).

Being the mid-year break for undergraduate students means that parking should be relatively easier. You can access a map here: <http://mtu.flinders.edu.au/map/index.cfm>

Although the session is designed for post-graduate students it is certainly not restricted to students only. Anyone interested in getting their research published will find this session informative, I'm sure.

The presentation will go for about 40 minutes with questions to follow and then an informal afternoon tea so people can continue discussion or just to catch up with people they haven't seen for a while.

'DOES MARRIAGE MATTER IN LATER LIFE?'

An Insight into the Relationships of Older South Australian Couples

Presentations available:

- [Dr Ruth Walker, Flinders University](#)
- [Professor Mary Luszcz, Flinders University](#)

It has long been suggested that marriage is protective in late life. Opportunities for social engagement and availability of emotional and instrumental support are enhanced for older individuals living with a spouse, compared to those living alone. This seminar will describe how or whether the marital relationship is indeed beneficial in late life; the pressures that exist in relation to transitions such as spousal illness or widowhood; and how older couples themselves perceive the 'keys' to a successful marriage.

Cancer and Older People

Establishing the First Geriatric Oncology Service in Australia

Presentations available:

[Robert J Prowse, Senior Consultant Geriatrician, Royal Adelaide Hospital](#)

[Nimit Singhal, Medical Oncologist, Royal Adelaide Hospital](#)

[Jeanette Prouse, Geriatric Oncology Nurse, Royal Adelaide Hospital](#)

This seminar described the pioneer service in Australia for older people with newly diagnosed cancer. Cancer is more common with increasing age, yet older people are often excluded from clinical trials of cancer therapy, are less often treated with current methods used in younger people and when treated, often receive sub-optimal doses. Internationally, specific programs of care have been established for older cancer patients. The Royal Adelaide Hospital Cancer Centre took the opportunity to open the first such service in Australia and to date has assessed 400 patients. The presenters explored the rationale for these programs, describe the program at the RAH as it is now, provide data on its early operation and look at future development and evaluation.
