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Welcome to the second newsletter from the National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP) which is designed to keep you up to date with the activities of the Centre.

## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – 15th June 2010

Tuesday 15th June 2010 marks the 5th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). WEAAD was established by the United Nations in an effort to raise awareness about elder abuse. To mark the day, events will take place throughout the country. NCPOP will:



- Co-host an event with the HSE. The keynote speaker will be **Joy Solomon, Weinberg Centre for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, New York**. This event will be streamed live via the NCPOP website at [www.ncpop.ie](http://www.ncpop.ie) from 10am on 15th June.
- Release presentations on the NCPOP website from the NCPOP Spring Seminar Series. Speakers included Prof. Denis Cusack, Ms Imogen Lyons, Dr Janet Carter Anand, Prof. Gerard Fealy, Dr. Attracta Lafferty and Dr. Amanda Phelan.

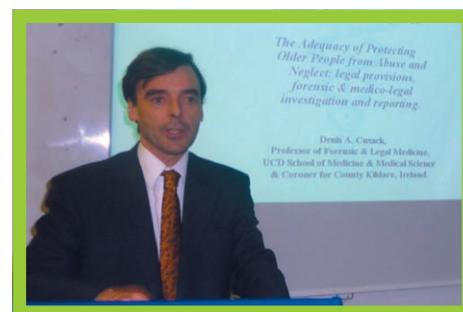
Why not wear something **purple** on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to help raise awareness about elder abuse?

## Spring Seminar Series 2010

The NCPOP Spring Seminar Series was a great success and was attended by health and social care staff, academics, researchers, as well as legal and financial professionals. NCPOP is currently putting together the Autumn/Winter 2010 Seminar Series which plans to address areas such as financial abuse and self-neglect. Please log onto our website where further details will be available shortly. [www.ncpop.ie](http://www.ncpop.ie)



Prof. Gerard Fealy



Prof. Denis Cusack



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# Update on the National Prevalence Study of Elder Abuse

NCPOP is conducting a national prevalence study of elder abuse involving interviews with over 2,000 older people across the country. This is the first study of its kind in Ireland and will provide valuable data on the extent of elder abuse within Irish society. Data collection is currently underway and will be completed by summer 2010.

The primary aims of the study are 1) to measure the overall prevalence of elder abuse and individual types of abuse in a community dwelling population aged 65 years and older and 2) to identify risk factors associated with elder abuse.

NCPOP intends to launch a report of the main findings with a presentation in UCD in November 2010. If you are interested in the study and would like more information please contact NCPop at [ncpop@ucd.ie](mailto:ncpop@ucd.ie) or (01) 716 6467.

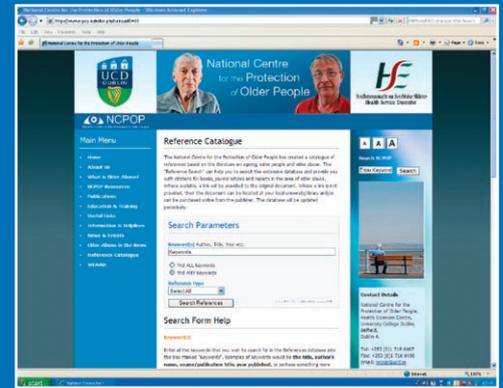
## NCPOP Resources

During its first year, NCPop completed several reports. The following reports are available to download from [www.ncpop.ie](http://www.ncpop.ie)

- Public perceptions of older people and ageing: A literature review
- Public perceptions of elder abuse: A literature review
- Constructing ageing and age identity: A case study of newspaper discourses
- Examining newspaper reports of care in an Irish nursing home: A discursive analysis
- Elder abuse and legislation in Ireland (Hard copies of this report are available on request)

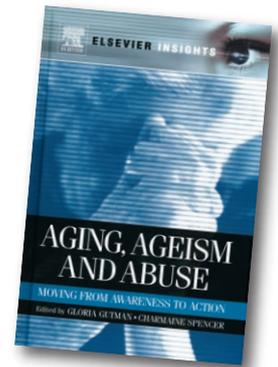


**NEW!** [www.ncpop.ie](http://www.ncpop.ie) now features a reference catalogue of ageing and elder abuse literature. This catalogue can be searched using keywords to obtain citations for peer-reviewed journal articles, reports, books, DVDs/videos and online resources related to elder abuse and the protection of older people.



## Recent Publications

- Ageing, ageism and abuse: Moving awareness to action, edited by Gloria Gutman and Charmaine Spencer, Elsevier, Massachusetts, 2010
- Review of the Recommendations of *Protecting Our Future: Report of the Working Group on Elder Abuse*; report prepared by PA Consulting, National Council on Ageing and Older People, 2009 (released February 2010).



## Official Launch of the National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP) on 11th November 2009

On the 11th November 2009, NCPop was officially launched at University College Dublin by the Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney TD. A paper entitled *Elder mistreatment: Recent research and current controversies* was delivered by Prof. Simon Biggs, Professor of Gerontology and Director of Gerontology, King's College London (available to download at [www.ncpop.ie](http://www.ncpop.ie)).



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## Concerned about Elder Abuse?

If you are concerned about elder abuse call save the HSE Information Line:

**1850 24 1850**

The HSE Information Line is open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 8pm. This service will provide you with details of the HSE staff in your local area that can assist you.



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