



Programme

Tuesday 6 June

1pm assemble for 1.15pm march

- March to the Winter Gardens from Adelaide Street West (back of Blackpool Tower)

2-4pm

- Official opening of the NPC Pensioners' Parliament, Pavilion Theatre by the Mayor of Blackpool
- Rally chaired by Ron Douglas (President, NPC) with the following speakers:
 Dr Debora Price (Professor of Social Gerontology, University of Manchester)
 Neel Radia (Chair, National Association of Care Catering)
 Paula Peters (Disabled People Against the Cuts)
 Jim Tilley (Director, International Consortium of British Pensioners)
 Heather Wakefield (Head of Local Government, UNISON)
 Jan Shortt (General Secretary, NPC)

4.15pm

- Fringe Meeting: The Benefits System and the Campaign for Decent Social Security (Renaissance Room, First Floor) - Speaker: Fran Heathcote DWP Group President, hosted by PCS

Wednesday 7 June

Morning sessions 10am-12noon

- Is the housing crisis caused by older people? (Pavilion Theatre, Ground Floor)
Chair: Marion Wilson Speakers: Brian Beech (International Longevity Centre) and Dr Alison Wallace (University of York)
 This session will look at the challenges facing those who want to downsize, consider the housing needs of older people generally and explore the real causes behind the country's lack of suitable and affordable housing
- Where next for state and occupational pensions? (Spanish Hall, First Floor)
Chair: Barry Todman Speakers: Hilary Salt (First Actuarial) and Neil Duncan-Jordan (NPC)
 This session will discuss the ongoing changes to both the state and occupational pensions, and consider what the impact of the election might have on older people's incomes in the future
- Brexit: What does it mean for older people? (Renaissance Room, First Floor)
Chair: Norman Jemison Speakers: Simon Bottery (Independent Age) and Brian Sturtevant (CSPA)
 This session will look at the how leaving the EU might impact on the lives of older people - considering their pensions, travel, health and care

Lunchtime Events 12.30-1.45pm

- Uniting the Generations Against Austerity film show hosted by Merseyside Pensioners' Association (Renaissance Room)
- Older women - living longer and maintaining good health? hosted by the NPC Women's Working Party (Pavilion Theatre, Ground Floor)
- Walking Football demonstration/have a go session featuring AFC Blackpool Senior Seasiders hosted by the Ron Todd Foundation (Arena)

Afternoon sessions 2-4pm

- The state of the NHS and social care (Pavilion Theatre, Ground Floor)
Chair: Rosie Macgregor Speakers: Paul Evans (NHS Support Federation), Dr Tony O'Sullivan (Health Campaigns Together) and Jan Shortt (NPC General Secretary)
This session will look at the current health of the NHS, including the impact of STPs, consider the ongoing crisis in social care and discuss what the outcome of the election might mean for the health and wellbeing of older people
- Public transport and the needs of older passengers (Spanish Hall, First Floor)
Chair: Peter Rayner Speakers: Lianna Etkind (Campaign for Better Transport) and Jon Hayes (CENTRO)
This session will consider the accessibility of public transport, the impact of legislation on bus services and how that would affect older passengers
- The future of local pensioner groups (Renaissance Room, First Floor)
Chair: Ellen Lebeth Speaker: Dot Gibson (NPC Deputy General Secretary)
This session will look at the challenges facing local pensioner groups and consider what can be done to re-build the grass-roots movement across the country

Evening Social, Empress Ballroom, 7-11.30pm

Thursday 8 June

Closing session 10am-11.30am

- Beyond the Election - Taking the Pensioners' Manifesto Forward (Pavilion Theatre, Ground Floor)
This session will consider how the NPC can campaign for the policies within the Pensioners' Manifesto after the election (Panel session featuring NPC officers, followed by a general discussion)

Close of NPC Pensioners' Parliament 2017

Keep right on to the end of the road
Keep right on to the end
Tho' the way be long, let your heart be strong
Keep right on to the end
Tho' you're tired and weary still journey on,
Till you come to your happy abode
Where all you love, you've been dreaming of
Will be there, at the end of the road

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