

Wednesday 26th August 2009

Perth Concert Hall

Mill Street

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Morning Session

'Carers in Europe'

This session takes a look across national borders to see how other countries support carers, how the carers movement is gaining in strength and significance, and explores how carer policy can be shaped on the European stage.

10.30am **Registration and refreshments**

11.00am **Welcome and introduction to the day**

11.10am **Dr Hanneli Doehner, Hamburg University**

Hanneli will cover the following topics in her presentation

- Results of the EUROFAMCARE study. The largest ever study into the situation for family carers in Europe
- Eurocarers – An insight into the carers movement in Europe
- Development of 'Wir pflegen' the German Carers Association
- Funding future care needs – the development of Long Term Care Insurance in Germany

12.00 **Sebastian Fischer, VOCAL**

Seb will provide an update on the Eurocarers Scotland Conference to be held 'in Edinburgh in May 2010. The conference entitled 'Does Europe Care: The Future of Unpaid Care in Europe' will include carers and delegations from all over Europe.

12.20pm **Questions, Answers and Discussion**

12.45pm **LUNCH**

Afternoon Session

'The General Election: Time to Deliver for Carers'

In advance of the next General Election we will be exploring how we can best influence political parties to secure better recognition, rights and support for carers.

1.45pm **Dr Richard Simpson MSP, The Scottish Labour Party**

Dr Simpson will introduce this session by providing an insight into how to engage with political parties in the run up to the next General election.

2.00pm **Questions, Answers and Discussion**

2.15pm **Discussion Groups**

This is your chance to give your views on developing a Carer Manifesto to deliver to political parties in advance of the next General Election.

3.00pm **Close of meeting**