

# National Pensioners' Parliament

## 8-10 June 2010

### Provisional Programme

#### Tuesday 8 June

- March from the Houndshill Shopping Centre to the Winter Gardens
- Official opening of the Eighteenth Pensioners' Parliament  
Question Time session chaired by Rodney Bickerstaffe with a panel of politicians  
Delegates have been asked to send in questions beforehand and a selection will then be made to ensure a mix of topics and regions are represented

#### Wednesday 9 June

10-12.30pm

- How should we care for older people?  
This session will look at the latest proposals for how care should be provided to older people either in the home or residential care. It will consider how care should be funded, the quality of the services people receive and concerns around the use of individual budgets
- Putting the record straight on free travel  
This session will consider the benefits of free travel and address some of the inaccurate information surrounding the cost and administration of the current concessionary bus travel scheme
- Pensioners across Europe and the challenges we all face  
This session will hear about the issues facing pensioners in other EU countries and how we can campaign together on the concerns that affect us all

2-4.30pm

- The Ageing Society  
This session will hear expert analysis of the challenges society faces from an ageing population and consider why this is often portrayed in a negative way
- The Future of Pensions  
This session will consider the current state of UK pensions, what needs to be done and what retirement will mean for future generations of older people
- New challenges for pensioners in N Ireland, Scotland and Wales  
This session will look at how devolved government in the UK has affected older people and consider how any benefits may have been secured as a result

#### Social evening with The Bachelors

#### Thursday 10 June

10-12.30pm

- Is the media ageist?  
This session will consider how older people and their concerns are portrayed in the media
- Pensioners and sheltered housing  
This session will consider the importance of sheltered housing and on-site wardens
- Age Equality - what next?  
This session will consider whether equality legislation has brought age discrimination to an end
- Dying Matters  
This session will consider end of life care and society's attitudes towards death
- **Keynote Speech from Mark Serwotka (PCS General Secretary)**