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Longevity Centre UK

ILC-UK update to the ILC Global Alliance

ILC-UK research and projects

Throughout the Coronavirus pandemic we have continued to produce reports and hold virtual events, including hosting Future of Ageing 2020 as a virtual Conference. We are now beginning to hold physical events once more. A list of publications and events can be found at the end of this report and on our website.

Earlier this year launched the [Work for Tomorrow](#) competition that will seek to identify and award the most promising innovations responding to an ageing workforce. Members of our international judging panel include Bob Morton, President of the World Federation of People Management Associations; Caroline Waters OBE, Deputy Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission; and Eirini Zafeiratou, Director of Public Policy for Europe and Turkey, Amazon. Following responses to our consultation paper on the main challenges facing an ageing workforce, our international innovations competition focusses on the following challenge categories:

- Maintaining good health
- Building knowledge, skills, and competence
- Addressing discrimination and supporting diversity
- Adapting the workplace

Following a series of expert interviews and research, the ILC team has published consultation papers as part of our [Delivering prevention in an ageing world](#) programme. The programme seeks to move from “why” we ought to promote the prevention of ill health in an ageing world to “how” we can deliver it. We are in the process of preparing for an event in Annecy, France in the new year.

Our 7th annual Future of Ageing conference, [Future of Ageing 2021: Reimagining ageing in a changing world](#) will be held as a physical event on Thursday 2 December in London and we have an exciting speaker line-up, including ILC-GA's Susanna Harding and Alexandre Kalache. The full list of speakers and further information about the conference can be found on the ILC-UK website.

Baroness Greengross' Parliamentary update

Baroness Greengross continues to be busy working on legislation and other policy areas in the House of Lords.

At the start of the year, she was involved with the Domestic Abuse Bill where she tabled amendments aiming to strengthen the safeguarding of adults at risk of abuse, in particular older adults.

The big announcement in September 2021 was the long-awaited social care funding proposal. In 2019 the Intergenerational Fairness Forum (IFF) that she chairs in parliament produced a paper presenting ideas of how the government should share the tax burden across generations rather than younger people bearing the brunt of tax increases across their working lives to pay for social care. Before the conference recess Baroness Greengross secured a debate in the House of Lords to debate intergenerational fairness and social care funding. Whilst the government tax proposals are not what the IFF proposed, the government have taken some interest in what the forum has proposed.

A longstanding campaign Baroness Greengross has been part of has been for the NHS to use vacant land it owns to house accommodation for those rehabilitating. The proposal is to have rehabilitation accommodation near the hospital so they can easily make medical appointments and not be discharged into a living situation that may be unsuitable for their recovery. Similar accommodation models exist in Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. Recent responses from the Minister in the Lords suggest that the government may finally be open to this idea.

Before the summer recess she took part in the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill. Life long learning is an issue that will become increasingly important as people live and work longer, whilst at the same time technology may mean around 30% of jobs that exist today will not in a couple of decades. The government are making a start with their life time skills guarantee, but it is nowhere near enough.

Following on from the Domestic Abuse Bill which passed earlier this year, Baroness Greengross has met with the Home Office about guidance on how to identify and prevent abuse against older people. She has also met with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, Nicole Jacobs, and talked about possible work that can be done with her office on preventing abuse against older people. Baroness Greengross is also supporting an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to extend the time that domestic abuse has to be reported by. Presently domestic abuse must be reported within six months and we know that often it takes much longer for victims to speak out about the abuse they have suffered.

The All Party Parliamentary Group for Dementia recently published the findings of its inquiry into dementia research. This report found that research into dementia, which is now the leading cause of death in the UK, has struggled to continue during the pandemic. Baroness Greengross is hoping to secure a debate in the House of Lords before the end of the year asking the government to honour their dementia Moonshot commitment, which said the government would double dementia research funding.

Other points of note

- ILC-UK Director David Sinclair has been participating in a World Economic Forum (WEF) programme of work (The Great Narrative) where a group of 50 "of the foremost future-oriented thought leaders" work together to co-create a "narrative that can help guide the creation of a more resilient, more inclusive and more sustainable vision for our collective future".
- ILC-UK has continued to work closely with UK Government departments including the Department for International Trade.
- ILC-UK has sought to be more proactive in relation to media activities. We attracted strong media attention on the issues of skills shortages following the HGV driver crisis, highlighting demographic change as a significant driver.

Notable Events, Milestones & Publications (January - October 2021)

28 Jan	WEBINAR: ILC virtual policy event – The overlap between ageism and ableism in the workplace: Insights for occupational health and training
18 Feb	REPORT LAUNCH: What we want – Future-proofing retirement housing in England
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22 Feb	WEBINAR: The NHS White Paper: Harnessing prevention for the success of future reforms
26 Feb	PUBLICATION: Health matters: Why we must commit to delivering prevention in an ageing world
02 Mar	REPORT LAUNCH: Slipping between the cracks? Retirement income prospects for Generation X
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08 Mar	PUBLICATION: Delivering prevention in an ageing world: Democratising access to prevention – Consultation paper
09 Mar	EXPERT ROUNDTABLE: Delivering prevention in an ageing world – Democratising access to prevention
11 Mar	PUBLICATION: Delivering prevention in an ageing world: Inspiring and engaging people with prevention – Consultation paper
17 Mar	EXPERT ROUNDTABLE: Delivering prevention in an ageing world – Inspiring and engaging
24 Mar	WEBINAR: Virtual policy event: Making the extra years count – Inequalities in disability and dependency with increasing longevity
30 Mar	WORKING GROUP: Improving immunisation coverage rates among older adults in the UK – Taking a life course approach
31 Mar	WORKING GROUP: Improving immunisation coverage rates among older adults in the UK – Utilising data effectively
01 Apr	PUBLICATION: Delivering prevention in an ageing world: Using technology effectively – Consultation paper
01 Apr	WORKING GROUP: Improving immunisation coverage rates among older adults in the UK – Getting commissioning right
07 Apr	EXPERT ROUNDTABLE: Delivering prevention in an ageing world – Effectively utilising technology
12 Apr	PUBLICATION: Drink Wise Age Well England Legacy Workshops
13 May	PUBLICATION: Enabling age at work – How ageism and ableism overlap in the workplace
26 May	PUBLICATION: Making the extra years count – Inequalities in disability and dependency with increasing longevity

27 May	PARTNERS WEBINAR: What happens next in the post-pandemic recovery?
30 May	PUBLICATION: The longevity of sporting legends
03 Jun	REPORT LAUNCH: The invisible epidemic – Rethinking the detection and treatment of structural heart disease in Europe
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24 Jun	CHALLENGE WORKSHOP: Work for tomorrow – Innovating for an ageing workforce
1 July	PUBLICATION: The cost of inequality: Putting a price on health
1 July	WEBINAR: Under the microscope: Comparing countries' experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic
6 July	WEBINAR: Data, bots and drones – Transforming access to health through technology
15 July	WEBINAR: COVID-19 in the UK and US: Understanding the impact on insurance, retirement income and other financial services risks
2 Aug	PUBLICATION: Up in smoke: The impact of smoking on health and economic activity
4 Aug	EVENT: Work for tomorrow: Innovating for an ageing workforce – Innovator drop-in session
9 Sept	REPORT LAUNCH: Ready to rollout – Improving uptake of routine immunisation in a post-pandemic UK
9 Sept	PUBLICATION: Ready to roll out: Improving routine vaccination uptake in the UK, post-pandemic
21 Sept	REPORT LAUNCH: Reducing the risk – improving vaccine uptake across at-risk groups in the UK
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01 Oct	PUBLICATION: Years lost: Boosting life expectancy through preventative health interventions
04 Oct	EVENT: Health equals wealth: Conservative Party Conference breakfast roundtable
12 Oct	WORKING LUNCH: Improving vaccination uptake among patients with chronic conditions across Europe
19 Oct	EVENT: ILC Autumn Reception

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