



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CARING COMMUNITIES, INC.

Better Living ... Adding Life to Years

Windsor Consultation
“Imagine the Possible: Digital Innovation, Health, and Rehabilitation”

Strategies & Solutions - *Partnerships in Practice*

6-8 May 2014

St. George’s House, Windsor Castle, UK

In cooperation with United Nations partners

Overview:

Within the framework of the global consultations on the United Nations Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals Post 2015, the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) is organizing an international working session composed of a non-traditional gathering of government representatives, private sector, entrepreneurs, educators, health and rehabilitation experts to leverage their insights and expertise in addressing three major elements for enhancing “Better Living...Adding Life to Years “ by mainstreaming and connecting the dots between Digital Innovation, Health, and Rehabilitation. This Consultation is part of the “Age of Connectivity: Cities, Magnets of Hope. Imagining the Possible” Dialogue Series which has addressed the challenges facing a rapidly urbanizing world since 1994.

Background:

The “Age of Connectivity: Cities, Magnets of Hope” Windsor Dialogues Series was established in 2006 spearheaded by the International Council for Caring Communities in cooperation with United Nations partners and the private sector. This Consultation continues to build on the successful High-Level Working Session, held at United Nations Headquarters by broadening the scope of involved experts and decision-makers with a Cross-Sectoral focus. The purpose of the Windsor High-Level Consultation is to raise awareness and stimulate new mindsets to consider implementing by stimulating a new holistic approach by connecting the dots: health, rehabilitation, urban planning and ICT toward enhancing a *Society for All Ages*.

Results and recommendations from this event will stimulate the implementation of result-oriented solutions through presentations at United Nations Commissions and Forums, as well as, other related venues. Actions will be taken to delineate, develop, up-scale and implement programs related to local cultures. It will also explore how a holistic approach enhanced by technology can be incorporated to facilitate the improvement of life for all. The overall mission of the Consultation is to disseminate know-how and determine areas of cooperation and collaboration among participants as well as to develop a plan of action as delineated by the working sessions.



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Objective and Outcomes:

This Windsor Consultation is designed to review, analyze and assess the current status of successful practices in the fields of digital innovation, maternal and child health, rehabilitation, education, and ageing and to propose viable recommendations for potential successful projects. Unique to this “results-oriented” gathering is that it encourages the practical implementation of new models of partnerships, spearheads rethinking of priority actions and strengthens the effectiveness of existing institutional frameworks and implementation mechanisms. By definition, this will require different approaches that draw on new mindsets and resources encouraging actors to explore a variety of partnerships to enhance a “Society for All Ages.”

Venue:

The Consultation takes place at St. George’s House within Windsor Castle itself, 6-8 May 2014. The origins of the venue date back to 1384 when it was established as a place where people of influence and responsibility could come together to explore and develop ideas and possible solutions to the problems of the day.

Logistics:

Prior to the Windsor Castle event, there will be several preliminary working and preparation sessions to fine tune the logistics. Documentation and informational as well as promotional materials will be developed and designed. The gathering at Windsor is being programmed for the attendance of 38 participants.

Background of ICCC:

The International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), established in 1993, responds to the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly aging global population. ICCC stimulates and identifies successful strategies and creative solutions by encouraging their adaptation and/or replication in both developing and developed countries.

Mainstreaming ageing issues, especially within the areas of the built environment and information and communication technologies (ICT), is the centerpiece of ICCC's global dialogue. ICCC is a non-profit organization and has United Nations Special Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It serves not only as a leader and catalyst but also as a bridge joining universities, government agencies, the private sector, NGOs as well as United Nations agencies to promote new ways of viewing an integrated *Society for all Generations*.

Since its inception, one of ICCC’s unique goals has been to highlight the contributions that private enterprises and individuals have made to the betterment of society. Through global dialogues, technical support and international student design competitions, ICCC promotes the mainstreaming of ageing issues through “out of the box” gatherings of non-traditional change agents and experts.