

# **Dr. Anthea Tinker**

**Professor of Social Gerontology at King's College London**

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## **Biography**

Anthea Tinker has been Professor of Social Gerontology at King's College London since 1988. She has been on the staff of three Universities and three Government Departments and has been a Consultant to the WHO, EU and OECD. She chaired the College Research Ethics Committee from 2001 – 2011.

She has undertaken a wide range of research in the field of social policy specialising since 1974 in gerontology. She is the author or co-author of 32 books and over 300 articles and book chapters. She has undertaken a large number of national plenary lectures including those organised by the Royal Society/British Academy, Royal Society of Medicine, Royal College of Physicians, British Society of Gerontology and numerous international plenary lectures in the USA, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and in Europe.

She was awarded the CBE in 2000 in the Queen's Birthday Honours for Services to Housing for Older People. She was elected a Fellow of King's College London in 1998, a Founding Member of the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences in 1999. She was President of the Section of Geriatrics and Gerontology, Royal Society of Medicine 1998-2000. She was one of the Women of the Year in 2002. She was elected a fellow of the British Society of Gerontology in 2008 and awarded the Society's Outstanding Achievement Award in 2010.

Dr. Tinker's research includes projects on community care, a large number of studies on housing for older people, elder abuse, health and health trends, carers, falls and accidents, information needs, older workers and technology/communication systems (including navigation aids, mobility of older people, introducing assistive technology into older people's homes and remodelling sheltered housing and residential care homes to extra care housing).

Recent research has been the first national prevalence study of the abuse and mistreatment of older people (2005), two studies of older people in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, Age Friendly Cities for the WHO (2007), two studies on the role of grandparents in Europe (funded by the Gulbenkian Foundation, 2012 and continuing). She is currently a PI for research on Social Isolation in Australia funded by the Australian Research Council, and by the Technology Strategy Board on long term care.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health Care - Services, Research, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Public Policy, Frailty, Home Care, Elder Abuse, Social Policy, Research Ethics, Gerontology, Geriatrics, Community Care Policy and Practice, Elder Care, Long Term Care, Dementia Care

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## **Affiliations**

Royal Society of Medicine : Member, Age Care Council : Member, British Dental Association Working Party on the Future of Dental Care : Member, Advisory Committee English Longitudinal Study on Ageing : Member, New Dynamics of Ageing Advisory Committee : Deputy Chair, Social Research Association Ethics Forum : Member, International Society of Gerontechnology : Member

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## **Event Appearances**

**Some challenges in undertaking longitudinal research with older people**  
Seminar at the Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning

**The Social Isolation of Older People: Some examples from Europe**  
RCT project on Social Isolation

**An intercalated BSc in Gerontology: A critical account**  
British Society of Gerontology annual conference

**Gerontechnology matrices as collaboration tools**  
International Society of Gerontechnology conference

**The experience of being a participant in research**  
Collaboration for Research on Ageing, PhD student conference

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## **Education**

**City University**  
Ph.D. Social Policy

**Birmingham University**  
B.Com. Economics, Politics, Sociology

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## **Accomplishments**

**Outstanding Achievement Award**  
Awarded by the British Society of Gerontology.

**Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire**  
Awarded by the British monarch for services to housing for older people.

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