

# **Mr. Hugh O'Connor**

**CEO at Age-friendly Ireland**

Dublin, , IE

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## **Biography**

Mr. O'Connor is responsible for leading Ireland's Age Friendly Cities & Counties Programme at a national level. Strengthening and embedding the programme in the existing 19 Local Authority areas and designing and implementing an approach for extending it into the remaining Local Authority areas are particular priorities for him and the Age Friendly Ireland national programme team across 2014 and 2015.

Mr. O'Connor has worked for over 15 years across a number of social policies, research, academic and training roles. Prior to joining Age Friendly Ireland, he was Director of the Dublin based management consulting firm OCS Consulting and specialised in the conduct of strategic planning, organisational development and social policy research studies on behalf of a range of private, public sector and not for profit bodies across Ireland.

Much of Mr. O'Connor's published research focuses on marginalised, disadvantaged and at risk groups within Irish society. He is currently a member of the Strategic Advisory Group for the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, the Department of An Taoiseach's Steering Group on Smart Ageing, and the Advisory Committee of the Age-friendly Environments in Europe a joint project between the World Health Organisation and European Union.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Urban Planning, Education and Training, Active Ageing, Built Environment, Public Policy

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## **Education**

**University College Dublin Graduate School of Business**

M.B.S. Business Studies

**University College Dublin**

B.B.S. Business Studies

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