

**RENKEI INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP, University of Liverpool, UK
LIVING WITH AN AGEING SOCIETY
28TH JUNE – 5TH JULY 2016**

**A one week workshop between researchers
and PhD students from UK and Japanese
RENKEI member Universities**

Are you a researcher or a PhD student working in the field of the ageing population? This summer the University of Liverpool hosts a prestigious RENKEI interdisciplinary workshop that asks: What research is required so that communities, government, and the economy can survive and thrive in the age of the long-lived? What innovations and new ways of living and working are required? What changes should be made to the built environment, our homes and workplaces? Most importantly, how should we provide proper care for an increasingly ageing population? Participants will be addressing these questions, and more, in our workshop set in the exciting city of Liverpool.



We are seeking post-docs and postgraduate research students, preferably in their second or final years of study, to join us in Liverpool for the workshop

The first workshop on the ageing population was at the University of Osaka, Japan in October 2015. If you were a participant in the first workshop in Osaka and you are still a registered member of the institution that funded you (either as a research student or as a member of staff) please seek assurance from your home institution that they will fund you for the second workshop. We will keep a place for you on the programme. Please make sure you tick the box in the application form signalling that you attended the first workshop.

Aims

The Osaka workshop aimed to promote understanding of the current problems of ageing societies and to introduce the latest approaches for dealing with the issues arising from an ageing society in Japan. The Liverpool workshop has complementary aims including those that apply to RENKEI workshops overall which are to **develop future research leaders and facilitate active collaborations and develop a sustainable network of researchers across Japan and the UK.** Such a network includes collaborations with industry, the public sector and other research institutions outside of the RENKEI consortium.

For the Liverpool workshop we specifically aim to give colleagues researching the Ageing Society, from Japan and the UK, opportunities to collaborate and socialise, learn from each other and develop skills and behaviours to benefit their research, their research careers and their overall employability.

In order to achieve that aim we have the following objectives:

- To provide opportunities for engaging with cultural and intercultural activities enabling participants to experience UK attitudes, politics and economic approaches toward age related activities and an ageing society
- To provide a series of research related provocations (lectures, talks and online content) designed to stimulate teams of participants toward designing, creating and producing presentations and project outputs on ageing society issues, problems and solutions
- To create opportunities for the transfer of knowledge between participants and between participants and others, including external organisations, other researchers and other stakeholders in the local community
- To create opportunities for participants to practice skills and behaviours within a safe, friendly and mutually supportive and collaborative environment

The Liverpool Workshop

The Liverpool RENKEI workshop will be intensive but also full of opportunities to see the city and taste some of its history. We would like participants to think of ways to combine their experiences of the city and surroundings with thoughts on the ageing society and compare how the UK, and Japan, are preparing, for ageing populations. As an example, we plan to visit St Helens, a previous coal mining and manufacturing town. We aim to see how their community has reacted to the closure of their heavy industries, how they have adapted to becoming a post-manufacturing society and the consequences of these changes for an ageing population.

Academic lectures are ‘provocations’ designed to provoke participants into thought and idea generation to inform their projects, while the workshop will also offer ‘interventions’ in the form of short but highly useful development activity centred around, networking and team building.

Draft Schedule

TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2016 – ARRIVAL, registration and welcome buffet
WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2016 – DAY ONE Welcome, first lectures and provocations, networking, ethical issues, evening dinner
THURSDAY 30TH JUNE 2016 – DAY TWO Visit to Williamson Tunnels, second lectures and provocations, teamwork, collaborations and evening movies
FRIDAY 1ST JULY 2016 – DAY THREE How to achieve impact, collaborative project work, debate on different cultural approaches to ageing
SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2016 – DAY FOUR Provocations – off site visit to St Helens, retirement village and local museum attractions, collaborative project work
SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2016 – DAY FIVE Visits to Liverpool attractions plus collaborative project work
MONDAY 4TH JULY 2016 – DAY SIX Collaborative project work, presentations, prize giving and farewell party
TUESDAY 5TH JULY – DEPARTURE

How to apply:

Fill in the application form (see below) and return to your institutional representative by the **29th of April 2016**. Please note that you are required to seek funding within your institution for travel and accommodation. We will select **3 new participants from Osaka university.**

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If you are a participant from Osaka University, all necessary costs (travel and accommodation) will be covered by the University.