

# **OLDER PEOPLE AND THEIR CARERS: PERSPECTIVES FROM BRITAIN AND JAPAN WORKSHOP**

Friday 23 March 2012, 10.00-13.00

Seminar Room 1.1, Thomas Paine Study Centre,  
University of East Anglia

## **Programme (Provisional)**

**Chair: Dr Steve Cherry**

- 10.00**      **Arrival** – (*tea and coffee available*)
- 10.20**      **Welcome & Introduction – by Lady Joyce Hopwood**
- 10.30**      **Norman Lamb MP**  
Policy issues: local and national initiatives
- 10.50**      **Questions and Discussion**
- 11.10**      **Local experiences**
- Harold Bodmer - The care problem: Norfolk's response
  - Jeanne Norman - Carers' mental well-being: local support strategies
- 11.40**      **Questions and Discussion**
- 12.00**      **Introducing the Centre for Japanese Studies - by Dr Simon Kaner**
- 12.10**      **Japan's experiences**
- Dr Mayumi Hayashi - Responding to crisis: the public and voluntary roles
  - Dr Utae Mori - Carers' narratives
- 12.40**      **Questions and Discussion**
- 12.55**      **Closing comments – by Julie Worrall FRSA**
- 13:00**      **BUFFET LUNCH**

**The Workshop** builds on the successful public event ‘The Care of Older People in Norfolk’ at the Assembly House, Norwich on 16 September 2011. This brought together around one hundred people with an interest in this topic and attracted wide media coverage. It was felt at the event that so many issues had been raised that a further gathering would be useful to discuss the issues further, develop the contacts made at the event, and deepen the connections between UEA and the community. Today’s workshop is a response to these suggestions.

**The Aim** of the workshop is to identify current issues and challenges in the care of older people, and support for the carers, locally, nationally and internationally drawing especially on experiences from Norfolk and Japan. Specific themes to be addressed include: recent and future policy developments in the context of spending cuts and the ‘Big Society’ debate, and concern about the well-being of carers themselves. It is hoped that by pooling their knowledge, our speakers from Britain and Japan can help to transcend national boundaries, highlight important common themes, and suggest possible ways forward, learning from each other. The participants (by invitation) are limited in number in order to encourage active involvement and to provide the opportunity to contribute.

## Speakers

<b>Norman Lamb MP</b>	MP for North Norfolk
<b>Lady Joyce Hopwood</b>	Chair of Norfolk Older People’s Strategic Partnership Board; Chair of Norwich Older People’s Forum
<b>Harold Bodmer</b>	Director of Community Services, Norfolk County Council
<b>Jeanne Norman</b>	Norwich & District Carers Forum; Norfolk Counselling & Learning Matrix (C.A.L.M.)
<b>Julie Worrall FRSA</b>	Project Director of Community University Engagement East, UEA
<b>Dr Steve Cherry</b>	Reader in Medical History, UEA
<b>Dr Simon Kaner</b>	Director of the Centre for Japanese Studies, UEA
<b>Dr Mayumi Hayashi</b>	Post-doctoral Researcher in Social Policy, UEA
<b>Dr Utae Mori</b>	Associate Professor in Social Policy, Osaka University of Economics, Japan

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