



# Social Isolation and Loneliness: Health Consequences and Policy Implications

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

**Synge Theatre, Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin**

## PROGRAMME

- 13.00**            **Welcome: Prof. Rose Anne Kenny, Trinity College Dublin**
- 13.20**            **Keynote Address: The Structural Drivers of Social Isolation and Loneliness**  
Prof. Lisa Berkman, Director, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University
- 14.00**            **Social isolation, loneliness, and mortality. Findings from The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA)**  
Dr. Mark Ward, TILDA Study, Trinity College Dublin
- 14.20**            **Questions and Answers**
- 14.30**            **Coffee Break & launch of TILDA Report**
- Second Session**    **Chair: Prof. Richard Layte, Trinity College Dublin**
- 15.00**            **Loneliness, social isolation, and the heart**  
Dr. Cathal McCrory, TILDA Study, Trinity College Dublin
- 15.20**            **Questions and Answers**
- 15.30**            **Loneliness and Health Care Use: Is Health a Mediator?**  
Dr Annette Burns, Institute of Public Health in Ireland
- 15.50**            **Questions and Answers**
- 16.00**            **Loneliness and Social Isolation: Policy, Practice and Politics**  
Dr Roger O’Sullivan, Institute of Public Health in Ireland
- 16.20**            **Jim Daly TD, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People**
- 16.30**            **Open Discussion on Policy and Practice**
- 17.00**            **Close of Conference**