**Overcoming Inequalities: Addressing barriers to extending working lives: Conference and Project Report**

***A Conference Organised by the International Longevity Centre UK in Collaboration with the* *Uncertain Futures Research Consortium*** *and the* ***Research into Extending Working Lives (renEWL) consortium*,** *held on* ***Wednesday, 5th April 2017; 09:30 (for 10:00) – 15:30, Church House, Dean’s Yard, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ***

**Background**

Research consortia renEWL  and the Uncertain Futures Research Consortium  hosted the event which was attended by leading experts from charities, industry, government, public bodies, universities and voluntary organisations and included a keynote presentation from John Cridland (author of the Cridland Review into State Pension Age).

The one-day conference showcased new research findings from both renEWL and the Uncertain Futures Research consortium, led by Professor Jenny Head and Professor Sarah Vickerstaff. The conference examined the current barriers to extending working lives: health inequalities, work place practice and policy barriers, that government, businesses and civil society can collectively address. The conference delivered much interest and debate on social media and we’ve included some of the day’s Twitter coverage in this report.

In terms of next steps, the ILC-UK will be producing separate policy reports for both projects involved with this conference, renEWL and the Uncertain Futures Consortium. These will be published in the summer of 2017.

**Key hyperlinks**  
For the slides used in the event please use the link below:   
[http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/index.php/events/](http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/index.php/events/overcoming_inequalities_addressing_barriers_to_extending_working_lives)

**For the project websites see:**  
<https://www.kent.ac.uk/extendingworkinglives/>  
<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/renewl/>

For the report of the conference see:

<http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/index.php/publications/publication_details/extending_working_lives_overcoming_inequalities_conference_report_2017>