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**Digital Families Across the Lifecourse:
Seminar 3 – Digital technology, older age and caring
Wednesday 13 April 2016
University of Edinburgh (David Hume Tower Room LG.11)**

Aims

To explore how digital technologies are being used by older people, their families and by carers.
To identify key issues in relation to digital technologies, older age and caring.
To develop new collaborations between researchers, practitioners and policy-makers interested in taking issues forward.

Programme

- 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 Welcome and introduction
Prof Heather Wilkinson, Director of E-CRED (Edinburgh Centre for Research on Experience of Dementia)/ Co-director of CRFR
- 10.10 Academic perspectives 1
Children and their grandparents: practices across the generations in the digital world
Caroline Marchant, University of Edinburgh Business School
- 10.30 Academic perspectives 2
How people with dementia and their carers make technology work for them
Dr Grant Gibson, University of Stirling
- 10.50 Questions
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.15 Academic perspectives 3
Telecare for older people at home: some ethical issues
Professor Maggie Mort, University of Lancaster
- 11.35 Questions
- 11.40 Discussion 1
- 12.15 Lunch

- 1.00 **Perspectives from a person with dementia**
Agnes Houston, Vice-Chair, European Person With Dementia Working Group
- 1.15 **Perspectives from the voluntary sector**
Gregory Hill-O'Connor, ehealth officer, Health & Social Care Alliance Scotland
(The ALLIANCE)
- 1.30 **Perspectives from the Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA)**
Val Bissland, Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Strathclyde
- 1.45 Questions
- 1.55 Discussion 2
- 2.30 Feedback from discussion groups
- 3.00 Reflections from the Digital Families Across the Lifecourse Programme and next steps
- 3.30 Close

Who should attend? Anyone interested in the impact of digital technology on older people, carers, families and relationships, including practitioners, policy makers and researchers.

For more information and to register for the final seminar, please visit the programme websites:
<http://www.crfr.ac.uk/digital-families-across-the-lifecourse/>
<http://www.scottishinsight.ac.uk/Programmes/Programmes20152016/DigitalFamilies.aspx>

Link to 'Digital Technology for Health and Wellbeing' produced by Alliance (Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland) with the Joint Improvement Team and the Scottish Centre for Telehealth and Telecare, published November 2014:
<http://www.jitcotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Digital-Technology-12pp-v4.pdf>