



**Dr Jane Barratt**  
**Secretary General**  
**International Federation on Ageing**

**Biography**

Dr Jane Barratt is the Secretary General of the International Federation on Ageing and brings to this position over 30 years experience in the health, community and aged care, and disability sectors. She has a strong commitment to strengthen the roles and relationships between government, NGOs, academia and the private sector toward improving the quality of life of older people.

This commitment has always been driven by her interests and passion in understanding the evolution of ageing issues and the corresponding public and private sector responses in different regions of the world. Dr Barratt is a strong contributor to the international dialogue on how the social, cultural and physical environments can impact on the lives of older people. Adjunct research positions at Australian and Canadian universities serve to strengthen her interests in these areas, which include mature employment, the nexus between inclusion and marginalization, the impact of the environment on older people and the rights of older people.

Dr Barratt is a Churchill Fellow, a scholar at the Peter A Silverman Centre for International Health, and recently presented the Arthur Cohen Lecture at Mount Sinai Hospital, Canada. She holds executive positions on ministerial, government and non-government committees, and the corporate sectors, and has many years experience in organizational management, staff development and the analysis of operations leading to improvements in program and client outcomes in the areas of health, ageing and disability.



**Professor Simon Biggs**  
**Professor of Gerontology and Social Policy**  
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**Biography**

Formerly: Community Psychologist 1979–85 (Mental Health and Adolescence); Head of Policy Development UK Social Work Education Council 1985–1994 (Children, Ethnicity, Community Care, HIV/Aids; Interdisciplinary; Mental Health); Professor of Social Gerontology, Keele University 1994–2004. Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard University 2002. UK representative on the EC Masters in Gerontology Programme 2002–2004. Professor of Gerontology and Director, Institute of Gerontology, King's College London UK 2004–2010. In 2009 he was visiting professor at the Finnish Centre for Interdisciplinary Gerontology at Jyväskylä University, Faculty of Sports & Health Sciences. From September 2010, Professor of Gerontology and Social Policy, sponsored by the Brotherhood of St Lawrence, University of Melbourne, Australia.

Since September 2010, current position. Links with University of Heidelberg (Netzwerk AlternsfoRschung), University College Dublin (National Centre for the Protection of Older People), and Helsinki (Department of Social Policy). He is a Visiting Professor at the School of Social Science and Public Policy at King's College London. He has participated in EC and Canadian Government briefings on dignity in later life and elder protection and is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Ageing Societies.

Recent researches have included World Health Organisation's 'Age friendly cities' project; ESRC study of baby boomers; uses of adaptive technology in later life: first national prevalence study of elder abuse and neglect in the UK.

Interests include the relationship between social identity and adult ageing, including the analysis of international and national social policy, the changing adult life-course, and social and personal experience of ageing.

Written work has extended to: community care policies; technologies of self, such as counselling and psychotherapy in later life; midlife and maturity; intergenerational relationships; spirituality and ageing; lifestyles and retirement communities; public policy toward old age; social theory and ageing.