



# DOES EUROPE CARE?

THE FUTURE OF CARER  
SUPPORT IN EUROPE



**17TH - 19TH MAY 2010**  
ROXBURGHE HOTEL, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

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Scotland's national carer organisations.

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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION  
WORKING FOR CARERS

### PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

#### MONDAY 17 MAY 2010

##### ARRIVAL & WELCOME IN EDINBURGH

12 noon onwards	Arrival of delegations and visitors Registration & allocation of hotel rooms Introduction to the city, small tour for early birds	
15.00 - 17.00	<b>Eurocarers General Assembly</b> (Annual General Meeting) at the Roxburghe Hotel	Open to members, delegates & visitors
18.00	Coach trip to Edinburgh City Chambers Royal Mile	
18.30	<b>Civic Reception by Lord and Lady Provost, City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, Royal Mile</b> Welcome, brief speeches, drinks, buffet meal	
19.45	Coach returns to hotel	
20.00	Delegate meetings - networking - whisky tasting - light entertainment	

#### TUESDAY 18 MAY 2010

##### THEME: STRENGTHENING THE FOCUS ON CARERS IN EUROPEAN POLICY

9.30 - 9.45	Opening of conference	Welcome to delegates and introductions	Robert Anderson, President of Eurocarers
9.45 - 10.15	Background briefing	<b>The Eurofamcare Report</b> Lessons from Europe's largest research study on family care	Dr Hanneli Döhner - (Germany) Coordinator of EUROFAMCARE Report, University of Hamburg
10.15 - 11.00	Influencing policy	<b>The European Commission - a Vehicle for Carer Policy?</b> The role of the European Commission in developing carer support	Representative of the European Commission
11.00 - 11.30	COFFEE BREAK		
11.30 - 12.15	Future directions	<b>Does Europe Care? - Locating Carers in European Social Policy</b> Opportunities to shape policy - facing up to hidden issues in European family care	Marian Harkin MEP (Republic of Ireland) - Chair of the European Parliament Carers Interest Group (invited)
12.15 - 13.30	LUNCH		

Throughout the conference carers' testimonies will link the debate to the real life experiences that family carers face in their lives.



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### TUESDAY 18 MAY 2010 cont.

THEME: CARING ON THE MARGINS – HIDDEN TRUTHS OF FAMILY CARE

13.30 - 15.30	Workshop Seminar 1	<b>Equality &amp; Rights – Gender Discrimination in Family Care</b>	Prof. Dr. Hildegard Theobald (Germany) – University of Vechta
	Workshop Seminar 2	<b>Young Carers – Children Hidden from View</b>	Prof. Saul Becker (UK), Sociology and Social Policy, University of Nottingham
	Workshop Seminar 3	<b>Migrant Carer Workers – When "Normal" Care Is Not Enough</b>	Dr Giovanni Lamura (Italy) Eurocarers Executive
	Workshop Seminar 4	<b>Caring in Poverty – Economic Facts about Family Care</b>	Imelda Redmond (UK) – Chief Executive of Carers UK
15.30 - 16.00	COFFEE BREAK		
16.00 - 17.00	Plenary	<b>Agenda for Change – A European Vision for Carer Support</b> Proposals for a European Carers Manifesto	Representative of the Eurocarers Executive
17.00 - 18.30	FREE TIME	Evening options to be confirmed	

### WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2010

THEME: STRENGTHENING CARER ORGANISATIONS IN EUROPE

9.00 - 9.15	Opening	Welcome to delegates and programme introductions	
9.15 - 10.00	Plenary	<b>The Need for Self Advocacy - Carers Organisations in Europe</b>	Representatives of the Eurocarers Executive
10.00 - 10.30	COFFEE BREAK		
10.30 - 12.00	Workshop Seminars	<b>Presentations on the development of the voice of carers and carer organisations in different European Countries</b> - supported by the voice and experience of a carer	Led by conference delegates and participants
12.00 - 13.00	LUNCH		
13.30 - 15.00	Final Plenary	<b>Agenda for Change – the Role of Eurocarers in the development of carer policy &amp; research</b>	Chair: Robert Anderson, President of Eurocarers

Afternoon departure from Edinburgh, options for those staying a further night will be determined according to demand

This provisional conference programme may be subject to change to include an address by a Minister of the Scottish Government, or the launch of Scotland's new Carers Strategy and Young Carers Strategy.

The conference will be conducted in English.



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EUROPEAN CARERS CONFERENCE - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND 17-19 MAY 2010



More than 100 million people in Europe care for a family member or friend with a disability, long-term illness, addiction or mental health problem.

They care without pay, little recognition, and often without support. As Europe's populations grow older, demand for family care will increase steeply in all countries over the next 20 years and family carers will require more support.

Through this conference, Eurocarers seeks to

- Promote awareness of carers' issues
- Provide information on relevant EU policy developments
- Support the development of carers' organisations
- Develop a united carers' voice in Europe, and
- Develop an informed research agenda

'Does Europe Care?' is a conference aimed at government representatives, planners, policymakers, carers and carer organisations, who work in the field of health and social care.

The conference will focus on developing strategies to strengthen European policies for carer support and develop stronger carer representation at national and European level.

The conference seeks to attract new countries and regions, present evidence of the positive benefits of carer policy & support, and lay the foundation for the development of a European Carers Manifesto.

The conference is planned for up to 120 delegates from national and regional delegations

**Individual delegates are welcome. We encourage small delegations. Where a delegation of three includes a carer representative, the carer's participation will be FREE and will qualify for free attendance and accommodation.**

## COSTS

Delegations and individual applications are invited from each of the European Union (EU) member states, nations and regions.

### AIM PER MEMBER STATE DELEGATION: 3 members

Where there are 2 PAID bookings/ 1 CARER may go FREE - FULL CONFERENCE (RESIDENTIAL) PACKAGE  
To qualify the 3 bookings must be made at the same time.

### FULL CONFERENCE (RESIDENTIAL) PACKAGE (Accommodation at the Roxburghe Hotel)

Attendance 2 day conference seminar, accommodation 17th and 18th May, Civic Reception (17.5) plus Conference Dinner (18.5). **£495 + 17.5% VAT (£86.63) / £581.63 GBP** inclusive 17.5% vat (664 euros/ Jan 2010)

### NON RESIDENTIAL PACKAGE

Attendance 2 day conference seminar, Civic Reception (17.5) plus Conference Dinner (18.5)  
**£285 + 17.5% VAT (£49.88) / £334.88 GBP** inclusive 17.5% vat (382 euros/ Jan 2010)

**TRAVEL COSTS** - Each delegation will need to meet its own travel costs. For ease of travel we have the facility to arrange your travel/ transfers at best market rates at time of booking. Please indicate when booking if you require this facility.

## DELEGATE REGISTRATION

<https://www.hfevents.co.uk/DoesEuropeCare2010>

**CLOSING DATE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS 12TH APRIL 2010**

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