

## **Speaker**

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## **Topic**

Developing a new social services model for ageing in place

## **Abstract**

The older people state clearly that they want to age in place in their own homes and communities, even though increasing support will be necessary to help them realise their aspirations. The term “Ageing in Place” is not just a concept of living arrangement, it is very much intended to address the needs for long-term care of older people and enable them to remain meaningfully engaged in community life.

However, the current gap between the needs of the elderly and the existing long-term care services leaves many older people with insufficient support to live independently. To some extent, traditional social service system emphasises a social planning approach which allows little input from older people and community members towards the design and delivery of elderly care services. But with the arising of community based support models, we can expect an increasing involvement of community and informal network of community members in providing assistance to older people. A more consumer driven approach with the involvement of volunteers will be discussed in the seminar. The presentation will also examine the roles of social workers as community organiser, coordinator and advocator.