

NPC Pensioners' Parliament

19-21 June 2012

Draft Programme (subject to change)

Tuesday 19 June

1pm

- March to the Winter Gardens from Promenade, North Pier

2-4pm

- Official opening of the NPC Pensioners' Parliament, Opera House Theatre followed by a rally with a range of guest speakers (tbc)

Wednesday 20 June

Throughout the day there will be sessions on:

- **Fair pensions for all**
This session will discuss the future of the state and other pensions, and the campaign to restore the Retail Price Index
- **The future of social care**
This session will discuss the latest proposals for how care should be funded, the quality of the services people receive and the rights of older people to be treated with dignity and respect
- **Where next for the NHS?**
This session will consider the future of the NHS and what impact change could have on the treatment of older people
- **Tackling fuel poverty**
This session will look at the issue of fuel poverty, the number of cold related deaths amongst pensioners, rising fuel prices and the role of the big energy companies
- **Maintaining independence in later life**
This session will consider the importance of public transport and initiatives such as the Blue Badge scheme for enabling older people to maintain their mobility and independence
- **Housing for the older population**
This session will look at the housing issues facing older people and the options available to those in later life

Thursday 21 June

10-11.30am

- Question Time with Paul Burstow MP, Care Minister

11.45am-12.30pm

- **NPC Report**
The NPC will report on its work and campaigns over the last year and outline what challenges older people face
- **Keynote Speech: Prof Alan Walker, Sheffield University & NPC patron**