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Citation

Professor Martin Caraher

Professor Martin Caraher is Emeritus Professor of Food and Health Policy at the Centre for Food Policy, City, University of London. A native of Ardee, County Louth, he originally trained as an environmental health officer at the Dublin Institute of Technology, Cathal Brugha Street and Kevin Street. He started his career working for the North Western Health Board in Donegal and Sligo where he developed an interest in the public health and health promotion. He subsequently spent time working in the Irish and English health services managing health promotion and public health services. He completed his MSc in Health Promotion at King's College London in 1988, and was awarded his PhD by London South Bank University in 1997.



Martin's main research fields are related to food poverty, cooking skills, local sustainable food supplies, the role of markets and co-ops in promoting health, farmers markets, food deserts and food access, retail concentration and globalisation. His work's focus for over thirty years has been on finding ways to improve people's diets while maintaining a sense of enjoyment of food; all informed by the knowledge that many in our societies do not have financial, social and cultural capital to access and enjoy food.

He has worked for, and acted as a consultant to the UK Department of Health, the World Bank and the World Health Organisation. He was a trustee of the Caroline Walker Trust and a member of the original London Food Board which developed the food strategy for London. He also sat on the South East Food and Public Health Group which developed a food strategy for the South East region and from which the London food strategy emerged. He was a member of the Olympic Food Group representing public health interests. He acts as advisor on food matters to a number of social science research groups across Europe, and is an advisor to DG SANCO (Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection of the European Commission) and to the EU executive agency CHAFEA (Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency). He was a member of the International Obesity Task Force (IOTF) scientific committee. He sat on the Safefood Science committee, an all-Ireland body set up under the terms of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. He was the 2008, and again in 2016, Western Australian Healthway Fellow and spent a total of six months in Perth, examining issues of access to food and food charity, and in 2012-13 he was the Thinker in Residence at Deakin University, Melbourne.

Martin has published in excess of 150 peer reviewed articles, six books, thirty book chapters, and almost as many reports. He speaks regularly on TV and radio in relation to food issues. His most recent book with Sinéad Furey from the University of Ulster - *The Economics of Emergency Food Aid Provision: A Financial, Social and Cultural Perspective* - contained large segments on food poverty in Northern Ireland. In 2017 he gave a TEDxTalk entitled 'Why food poverty exists' at the TEDx London Salon. Recent retirement, or 'entering dotage' as he put it himself, has done nothing to quell his output; in the four months since the beginning of this year, he has published 'Home Economics Education in Secondary School Settings: Lessons from Education Policy on the Island of Ireland' with Amanda McCloat in *Food Education and Food Technology in School Curricular* for Springer, and 'Food Advertising and Marketing' in *The SAGE International Encyclopedia of Mass Media and Society*. He is in his retirement working on two books and a number of articles.

The Dublin Gastronomy Symposium Fellowship Award is being presented to Professor Caraher for his trailblazing dedication to public health and health promotion, and his battle to resolve the high level of food poverty in modern societies over the past thirty years. We are happy to welcome him back to Cathal Brugha Street (albeit vicariously), where he walked the halls as a trainee environmental health officer in the 1970s and where, in 2012, he gave a paper entitled 'Cooking in Crisis: Lessons from the UK' at the inaugural Dublin Gastronomy Symposium. It is in light of all of this that the Dublin Gastronomy Symposium is delighted to present the Fellowship Award 2020 to Professor Martin Caraher.