

# Alison O'Connell

Alison O'Connell has a degree in Mathematics from St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, a postgraduate degree in Gerontology from King's College, London, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

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Alison was appointed the first Director of the Pensions Policy Institute (PPI) in 2001. She led the PPI as it developed into an authoritative independent research organisation, providing evidence-rich comment and analysis on retirement income policy.

Since moving to New Zealand in 2006, Alison has continued research in an independent capacity, with clients including the Retirement Commission and the OECD. Her research interests include all aspects of retirement income policy, longevity and the "ageing population", and financial education.