

THE DUBLIN DECLARATION ON AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE 2013

On the occasion of the 'EU Summit on Active and Healthy Ageing', held in Dublin, Ireland on the 13-14 June 2013, under the Irish Presidency of the European Union, we, the mayors and senior political representatives of European cities, municipalities, communities and regions unanimously declare the following:

We will:

Promote the 'Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe 2013' (Dublin Declaration 2013) in appropriate national and international forums, fostering the maximum adherence possible to its values, principles and premises, in terms of plans, programmes and resources, in order to implement the commitments in this Declaration within a reasonable period of time.

Collaborate with all relevant regional and local stakeholders to support the full application of the pledges in the Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe 2013, including cooperation with the WHO European Regional Office and its Network of Cities committed to developing age-friendly environments as part of the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. This will involve commencing a multi-year cycle of continual assessment and improvement to make their environments more age-friendly.

Communicate through local and regional channels and networks between the various cities and communities to stimulate and support advances in the promotion of equal rights and opportunities for older citizens and to share learning about advances in policies and practices which improve their lives.

Supporting Pledge

The undersigning cities and communities also pledge, where it is within their area of responsibility and economically feasible, to further the following specific actions, and to incorporate them into key planning instruments to strengthen long term sustainability: Promote among the general public **awareness of older people**, their rights, needs, and potentials, and highlight the positive social, economic and cultural contribution they make.

Ensure that the views and opinions of older people are valued and listened to and that structures and **processes of citizen-centred engagement** are developed to ensure that older people have an adequate involvement in decision making and are actively involved in the design and creation of innovation and change.

Adopt measures to develop **urban spaces and public places** that are inclusive, sharable and desirable to all, including older people, and ensure that publicly used buildings promote the dignity, health and well-being of users of all ages, and are fit for purpose to meet the changing needs of an ageing society.

Promote and support the development of neighbourhoods and communities for all ages that are diverse, safe, inclusive and sustainable, and that include **housing** for older people that is of the highest quality. Particular attention should be given to the needs of older people in assisted living, residential care and nursing homes where their dignity and autonomy is at greater risk.

Work to establish **public transport systems** that are available and affordable to all, including older people, and are 'seamless' within and across the various modes of transport that exist.

The transport systems should also promote and facilitate personal transport use, such as cycling and driving by older people.

As these become more difficult, personal alternatives such as affordable taxis and car-pooling, which interconnect with the public system, should be made available.

Promote the **participation of all, including older people, in the social and cultural life** of their community by making available a diverse range of events and activities that are accessible, affordable and tailored to be inclusive of them and promote their integration into the community. This should include the promotion of intergenerational activities.

Promote and support the development of **employment and volunteering opportunities** for all, including older people, and recognise their positive contribution, and include the provision of **lifelong learning** opportunities in order to empower older people and promote their autonomy.

Ensure that a comprehensive and integrated range of affordable, easily accessible, age- friendly and high quality **community support and health services** is available to all, including older people, to include health promotion and prevention programmes, community-based support services, primary care, secondary acute hospital, rehabilitation services, specialist tertiary, long-term residential and compassionate end of life care.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Leader of Denbighshire County Council – Councillor Hugh Evans

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Date: _____

Denbighshire County Council’s Older People Champion-Councillor Bobby Feeley

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Date: _____

Endorsement by the Chairman of Denbighshire County Council – Councillor Raymond Bartley

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Date: _____