



The World Health Organisation

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Re: Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

I wish to express the Mid Ulster District Council's interest in joining the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. I am pleased to offer this letter of our on-going commitment, to creating an age-friendly environment and I respectfully request that consideration is given to our membership request. Mid Ulster District Council is committed to promoting policies to make Mid Ulster District Council towns and communities, beneficial to aging populations.

The residents of Mid Ulster District Council aged 60+ is expected to rise to 46,415 by 2039. To address our changing demographics, our community has convened an Older People's Forum and are putting in place a Strategic Alliance comprised of a diverse group of community partners. Our goal is to ensure our aging population have the resources to be healthy, independent and integrated into community life.

It is the intent of Mid Ulster District Council to:

- Increase the participation of older adults in the social, economic and cultural life of the community for the benefit of everyone
- Improve the health, well-being and quality of life of older adults in the District
- Show how services and supports for older adults can be made more responsive, caring, professional and accessible through imaginative and cost-effective partnerships
- Be able to advise other areas in demonstrating the processes and benefits involved in the development and promotion of age-friendliness

We look forward to becoming a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, and to ensure our community has the appropriate facilities in place so that we can all age with dignity.

Yours sincerely

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