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Positive Ageing in London hopes you find the below information helpful, informative and useful. Thanks for your support.

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Future of Positive Ageing in London

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PAiL was, as we hoped, granted Government transitional funding until the end of September to help us become sustainable and work independently of official support in future.

We would like to hear from you what you think we should be doing together! We have been working on plans to fundraise to continue our role as a cross-sectoral London regional forum on ageing.

We have agreed at our June network meeting that we want to keep PAiL and our network in being even if we don't immediately have funding in place to continue an ambitious work programme from 1 October. With colleagues from regional forums in the rest of England, we are working towards setting up a national Voices of Experience network.

20 September: Consultation on our Future Plans



PAiL is glad to invite you to a consultation event on 20 September so that you can tell us what we should be doing in future –in other words from this autumn onwards! What should PAiL be doing to amplify the voice of London's diverse older people? How should we be working with others in London and nationally? Come along and tell us what you would like to happen next and what part you would like to play in it.

The event starts at 10.30 (registration) and ends with a light lunch. It will be held at an accessible venue in the City of London. You can find more information and register for the event [here](#) .

Older People in Economic Development: Our Research Project

PAiL and Age UK London have published a joint report looking at how older people are included in London boroughs' work on the local economy. You can read the full report [on PAiL's website](#) .

We found that in many boroughs, older people are not addressed as a specific group in strategies on employment, volunteering, education and skills but tend to be addressed mostly as recipients of health and social care services.

Specific difficulties older people face in, for example, the job-market, are also not adequately addressed by targets for 'working-age' populations.

We found promising initiatives in some boroughs and would like to see these being extended and becoming more widespread.

Recent Events

AGEISM: How Ageist Are We? 17 May 2016

On 17 May PAIL's annual conference discussed how ageism permeates society and how all of us can be ageist in our own lives. The 66 participants from older people's groups, the voluntary sector, Healthwatch and others went on to make commitments to challenge ageism individually and within their organisations. We hope that actions people take as a result of our conference will be stepping stones on the way to making London a less ageist and more age friendly city.

Guest Chair for the day was Meena Patel of the National Development Team for Inclusion. Meena gave a Chair's Introduction putting ageism in the Key contributions came from PAIL's Chair Mervyn Eastman, Dr Hannah Swift of the University of Canterbury, Amanda Coyle of the Greater London Authority and David Brindle of The Guardian (who is also Chair of NDTi).

The speakers looked at what ageism is and how it is distinct from age discrimination but helps cause discrimination. How ageism manifests itself in society and its effects, how the public sector responds to ageism (or doesn't) and what London government has done to tackle ageism.

Participants started the day by identifying ways in which they themselves had been ageist, and finished it by discussing in groups their commitments to tackle ageism individually or within their organisations. In between, they raised a wide variety of issues in discussion with all the speakers.

You can find out more and access presentations from the event on [PAIL's website](#).

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