

Age Friendly Community

- There should be regular opportunities for older people to engage with the relevant politicians and officers to ensure that all strategies and action plans include an awareness of the needs of older Londoners and the benefits they bring and for there to be an accountability throughout the process. GLA should assess the age-impact of its policies, strategies and actions and report back to the above bodies.
- Support is needed for an active campaign against “ageism” in language and attitudes. This must be supported by the policies and actions of the Mayor and London Boroughs.
- There should be a designated “Older Person’s” officer, co-ordinating strategy, arranging meetings and providing a readily available conduit for advice to, and suggestions and conversations from, the older community.
- The inclusion of older Londoners is essential to the establishment of a balanced, inclusive community. The views and experiences of older people should underpin all aspects of policy making, but all too often older people can be neglected in decisions.
- There already exist organisations that represent older Londoners putting forward their views and requirements to public service partnerships. Older people contribute a disproportionate proportion of volunteers. What is needed is a more proactive and receptive approach by public bodies.