



## **International Day of Older People 2022**

International Day of Older People (IDOP) on 1<sup>st</sup> October is celebrated annually in Leeds, focusing on a different theme each year. The theme for 2022 is:

### **The resilience and contributions of older women**

**Community Grants of up to £300 are available to help groups and organisations in Leeds run events which celebrate the resilience of older women and their contribution to our lives and communities. (See details of grants below)**

### **The resilience and contributions of older women**

Older women contribute enormously to political, civil, economic, social and cultural life, but sometimes their contributions and experiences remain unseen and unheard. The 2022 theme of International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) serves as a reminder and celebration of the significant role older women play in overcoming challenges with courage and strength.

The International Day of Older People 2022 is a call to action by the United Nations and an opportunity aimed to embrace the voices of older women and showcase their resilience and contributions in society.

### **Community Event Grants**

Community Grants of up to £300 are available to help run IDOP events around the theme 'The resilience and contributions of older women'.

Unfortunately we have a limited budget. We usually get far more applications than we can fund.

### **Who can apply for a grant?**

We are keen to fund a range of diverse events and welcome applications from all communities of the city, including those focusing on intergenerational work or specific issues affecting older people, such as people living with dementia.

We particularly welcome applications from small and medium-sized groups and organisations.

We encourage applications from organisations who want to expand their service/activities to include older people.

Types of organisations who may apply include:

- voluntary and statutory sector organisations
- Neighbourhood Network Schemes
- theatres & theatre groups
- faith groups (though we can't fund anything promoting a particular religion/faith)
- art groups/organisations

- community groups
- care homes (private and local authority)
- day centres
- lunch clubs
- libraries
- museums and art galleries

If you are not sure whether you are eligible to apply please contact Jo Volpe (Leeds Older People's Forum) by phone (0113) 244 1697 or email: [jo@opforum.org.uk](mailto:jo@opforum.org.uk) .

### **What kind of events can you get a grant for?**

We encourage groups and organisations to come up with their own creative and interesting ways to celebrate IDOP in Leeds. Ideally the application should be for a new idea or opportunity that ties in with the theme of 'The resilience and contributions of older women'.

Here are a few examples of what you might want to do:

- provide opportunities for older women to tell their stories and reflect on the importance of their roles in shaping their world. This may be through art, dance, poetry, food or other forms of expression.
- offer a chance for men to celebrate the resilience of older women in their lives.
- organise a walk celebrating the art, culture and heritage of older women in their area
- create opportunities to share memories and stories.

The event should also reflect the ethos of IDOP:

- To promote and celebrate the contribution of older people\* to the city
- To highlight the barriers which still exist to older people's full participation

\* By older we typically mean people aged 60+ (younger for communities with a lower life expectancy).

### **What can you get funding for?**

Items that can be funded include:

- facilitators, artists
- room hire
- equipment (where it is used as part of the event)
- refreshments
- transport to attend an event or activity or to deliver resources to people's homes.
- accessibility requirements, such as virtual or online events for people with sight and hearing loss

### **What won't we fund?**

We won't fund:

- activities or that you normally run, or work you currently receive funding or money towards.
- commercial organisations/companies

- political events/organisations
- anything promoting a particular religion/faith

### **Who can attend IDOP events?**

The audience can be the public, your service users, or staff/volunteers. We would encourage the community events to be open to all.

### **When do events need to take place?**

We are asking that IDOP 2022 events are held between 1st and 7th October 2022.

### **Covid-19**

Any funded IDOP event **must be in line with the latest government advice on Covid-19.**

Further help, advice and guidance for holding events can be found on the government website. [www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19)

### **Schedule for grant applications**

- Deadline for applications **5:00pm Monday 22nd August 2022**
- Applicants will be informed as to whether they have been successful or otherwise by email on **5th September 2022**
- LOPF produces a calendar of IDOP events to promote IDOP in Leeds. Successful applicants must supply details of their event no later than **9th September 2022.**
- Events held **1st - 7th October 2022**

### **How to apply for a grant**

- If possible, please [use the online form](#).
- If you cannot do the form online, or get support to do so, please call Leeds Older People's Forum - 0113 244 1697 - to ask for a paper copy to be posted.

Please note that you can get help with digital support at Digital Inclusion Leeds:

<https://digitalinclusionleeds.com/tools/general-digital-skills-support/>

### **Evaluation form**

Completing an evaluation form is a requirement of receiving an IDOP events grant. We do not ask for receipts' so this form is the only evidence we have to show funders how the money has been spent.

### **Spreading the IDOP message via social media**



We promote and highlight IDOP events on social media such as Twitter and Facebook. Please support us using, where appropriate, your own social media to report on events as they are happening.

Please ask if you would like any support on using social media.

If your organisation or group doesn't use social media this will not affect your application.

If you have any positive images which you are able to let us use please email them to: [jo@opforum.org.uk](mailto:jo@opforum.org.uk) (Please make sure the subjects have given approval for the images to be used)

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