

National and International Partnerships

Leeds is a member of:

UK Network of Age Friendly Communities: a group of cities from across the UK that are collaborating to bring about change in the way that cities respond to population ageing.

EuroCities Urban Ageing Forum: dedicated to raising awareness and improve strategies for age friendly environments in cities.

World Health Organisation (WHO) Age Friendly Cities: established to foster the exchange of experience and mutual learning between communities worldwide.

Want to find out more?

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Making Leeds the best city to grow old in

Strategy and Action Plan 2022 – 2025

The ambition for Age Friendly Leeds is to be the Best City to Grow Old in: a place where people age well - where older people are valued, feel respected and appreciated, and are seen as the assets they are.

Why is it important?

- Older people have told us it is a priority.
- Inequalities in health are a key issue for older people with ill health and social impacts affecting the poorest in the city disproportionately.
- The population of Leeds is ageing:

	<u>Census 2011</u>	<u>Census 2021</u>
People aged 50+	232,000	266,500
People aged 65+	110,000	126,800
People aged 85+	15,000	17,200

Our approach is a citizenship approach, applying to the entire population which:

- Ensures that there is a strong focus on social networks within neighbourhoods and the city,
- Promotes social capital and participation,
- Age-proofs and develops universal services,
- Reduces social exclusion,
- Works to change social structures and attitudes.

Our action plan is structured around six topic areas adapted for Leeds from the eight Age Friendly City domains developed by the World Health Organisation:

Housing	Active, included, and respected
Public and civic spaces	Healthy and independent ageing
Travel and road safety	Employment and learning

Cross cutting themes across all the topic areas are:

- Effective communications
- Access to digital technology
- Engagement and co-production with older people
- Addressing inequalities
- Climate change

Progress is reported quarterly to the Age Friendly Leeds Board.

A framework to measure the impact of the action plan was developed with support from the Centre for Ageing Better. These measures have been incorporated into the Best Council Plan and reported on annually to the Corporate Leadership Team and Executive Board.

The **Age Friendly Leeds Board**, chaired by the Deputy Executive Member for Adults and Children's Social Care and Health partnerships, provides leadership. Membership includes the representatives from the Council, Leeds Older People's Forum, the Centre for Ageing Better and West Yorkshire Combined Authority and reports to both the Executive Board and the Health and Well Being Board where appropriate.

This work is also part of the Leeds Health and Care programme on improving population level outcomes for people living with frailty.

The **Age Friendly Leeds Partnership** brings together statutory, voluntary, and private sectors to:

- Address the priorities identified by older people in relation to making Leeds an age friendly city.
- Build awareness of age friendly priorities and actions.
- Assess how age friendly the city is against the World Health Organization's eight Age Friendly domains.
- Support age friendly initiatives which help us to work towards Leeds becoming an age friendly city.
- Support staff training and development.
- Developing key linkages with other groups that enhance health and social care services for older people.
- Work to challenge and remove the structural and social barriers faced by older people.

Age Friendly Leeds Partnership members

Age UK Leeds | Care and Repair Leeds | Centre for Ageing Better | Feel Good Factor | Groundwork Leeds | Leeds Beckett University | Leeds City Council | Leeds Older People's Forum | Leeds Dementia Action Alliance | University of Leeds | West Yorkshire Combined Authority | West Yorkshire Playhouse

The **Centre for Ageing Better** selected Leeds as a partner and in October 2017 entered into a five-year partnership agreement with the Council and Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF).

The purpose of the partnership is to enable Leeds:

- to adopt evidence-based practice,
- to pilot innovative approaches and
- to generate new evidence of 'what works' for ageing well that can be disseminated locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally by Ageing Better, LCC, LOPF and other stakeholders.