



Comisiynydd Pobl Hŷn Cymru
Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Commissioner's **NEWSLETTER**

Special Bulletin

Share your views on how we can make Wales the best place in the world to grow older

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales wants Wales to be the best place in the world to grow older and is currently determining the work she will undertake over the next three years to improve the lives of older people.

Since she took up post, the Commissioner has travelled the length and breadth of Wales, meeting and speaking with older people and organisations to hear about what would make Wales the best place in the world to grow older.

This has helped the Commissioner to identify three key long-term priorities for Wales, against which she will deliver a wide range of work over the next three years:

- Ensuring everyone can age well
- Ending ageism and discrimination
- Stopping abuse of older people

The Commissioner wants the voices and experiences of as many older people and stakeholders as possible to inform her work and would welcome your views on what she should focus on under these priority areas, particularly the changes you want to see and your ideas about how to make these changes happen.



In your response you may want to highlight something you are concerned about or share an example of something positive that works well and could be replicated in other parts of Wales.

The Commissioner is particularly keen to focus on work that will improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable older people, those whose voices often go unheard, and those who are at risk of harm.

The Commissioner also wants to use her work to highlight the contribution that older people make to their communities and to society, and to help people to age well.

Discussing the development of her work programme, the Commissioner said:

“Many older people in Wales enjoy a good quality of life and I have visited many projects and services that are making a positive difference to their lives.

“There is, however, still a great deal of work to be done to ensure that all older people know their rights and that their rights are upheld, that they are safeguarded from abuse in all its forms, are supported to age well, and that the ageism and discrimination that underpins many of the issues they face is brought to an end.

“My work as Commissioner over the next three years will therefore be delivered against these key priorities and I want the voices, experiences and ideas of older people, and those working and volunteering with older people, to inform my work.

“Older people have a huge amount of knowledge and experience and I am looking forward to hearing from them, as well as those who work with and for them, about the changes that are needed and how these can be delivered to make Wales the best place in the world to grow older.”

**To respond to the Commissioner’s consultation online, visit:
<http://bit.ly/OPCWEnglish>.**

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the consultation document, email ask@olderpeoplewales.com or call 03442 640 670.

The closing date for responses is Friday 22 February 2019



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