



Letter of Commitment – Age-Friendly Communities

On behalf of the Caerphilly Over 50s Steering Group, I am pleased to provide this letter of commitment to support the development of Age-Friendly Communities in Caerphilly County Borough.

Our commitment as a small community organisation is to work in partnership with the Council to ensure sustainable and practical responses to the opportunities and challenges of ageing. We will seek to grow our capacity to contribute to making Caerphilly a great place to grow old and to meet the World Health Organisation Age Friendly Communities requirements

Through its support for Age-Friendly Caerphilly, Caerphilly Over 50s will:

- seek to ensure older people are involved in the design and delivery of AFCs on a basis of co-production and collaboration - decisions made together and from the outset.
- empower older people to have a voice and take an active role in local decision-making about AFCs – supporting a variety of methodologies for engagement and participating through membership of the AFC Steering Group,
- strive to increase intergenerational contact as well as an understanding of age and ageing through structured and purposeful engagement;
- act as a “critical friend” to the Council in sustaining progress and momentum in developing AFCs that take a “cross-cutting approach” and we will play a constructive role in scrutiny, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Ensure our contribution combats ageism, strengthens community cohesion, and promotes the independent “self-determined” voice of older people on a rights basis.

We look forward to working with Caerphilly County Borough Council, its politicians, and officers as well as a range of community organisations to implement actions to create age-friendly communities across Caerphilly County Borough.

Dr. R Stevens

Chair: Caerphilly Over 50

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