



Public Participation Network Feedback Form –Older Persons Council Meeting

Public Participation Network Community Representative's: **Rose Conway**

Date: 18th Jan 18

Meeting Agenda

1. Update on National Age Friendly Programme
2. Putting Patients First
3. Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards
4. Work Programme
5. A.OB

In Attendance: Attendees: Kitty Hughes (Chair), Phil Donohoe, Rose Conway, Carmel Ward, Ita Donlon, Anne MacDonell, Ann Marie Reilly (Community Gda), Lionel Mullally, Maura Sheridan, Marie Kearney, Seamus Orr, Elizabeth McNamee, Sharron Gorman, Maureen Mulryan, Des Skelly, Mary Reynolds and Fiona Cooney (Longford Library)

Apologies: Madeline Bennett, Nan Quinn

Presentations: No

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
Update on National Age Friendly Programme	Mary Reynolds Des Skelly	Mary Reynolds informed the meeting that we need to spread the word about the work being done by the Older Person's Council and that we are looking for ideas/suggestions Des spoke about interview with Age Action on Shannonside – problems nationwide with getting the information out to all relevant parties. Suggested that people visit others to inform them of everything that is going on.	

		<p>Mary Reynolds, Karena and Kitty all attended meeting in Trim – National briefing and planning meeting. Got a good overview of what is going on, what people are doing in other counties and examples of good practice. E.g. information guide from Swords – covers all areas and computer programme in Fingal volunteers going in to people’s homes to help set up laptops/computers, giving them digital support in their own homes. Discussion followed on digital literacy in Longford.</p>	
Putting Patients First	Mary	<p>Mary spoke about Putting Patients First – there will be a lot of focus this year. Looking at out-patient departments, waiting lists etc. More information at the next meeting.</p>	
Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards	Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on what’s being done well • Sharing experiences and ideas <p>Longford will put forward Crime Ambassador Programme Phil Donohoe proposed and Carmel Ward seconded. All in attendance were in agreement.</p> <p>Pros of the programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ticks many boxes, combating isolation – calling to people for purpose • Great to call informally • Local arrangements working well, people know each other • Able to get through to people via texts/emails (Worked great during Storm Ophelia) • Far more effective than any of the other schemes which are in place • Can be replicated all over the country • People like the information that was in the pack • Gives people a sense of security <p>Weaknesses of the programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard to get time for admin • Constant tweaking needed 	
Work Programme		<p>Longford Business town All members of the committee asked to bring any available list of businesses giving discounts to the Older Person’s Council. Sub-committee was set up to find out what discounts are available in Longford for older people Phil Donohoe, Sr. Elizabeth and Kitty Hughes</p>	

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information leaflet to be sent out to all members so that they can give their opinions 2. Digital Service 4. Crime Prevention Programme 	
<u>A.O.B</u>	Des Skelly Mary Reynolds	<p>Des Skelly asked if there could be a calendar for meeting set up</p> <p>Mary Reynolds explained about Healthy Ireland in the library and asked for suggestions from the group</p> <p>Date for next meeting March 8th Town Hall 10.30am</p>	