

Making Scotland work for Older People

How can we make Scotland work for older people?

Join the conversation



Background

The Scottish Government is responsible for many issues that affect older people. Ministers want all the policies to take account of older people. They are developing a Framework – this will remind all the teams across the Scottish Government about what is important for older people.

We want your help

Several organisations are gathering views from people they know. Outside the Box is asking people we know, especially people who may not be part of other organisations that represent older people

If you have already been asked to send in your views, that's ok – if you want, you can give them several times to make sure your views get across.

What to do

We're hoping that people will have a conversation with people they know – your friends, people in a group you go to such as a hobby group or at a coffee morning, or people who live nearby.

This pack has a list of topics and questions to get you started.

- We expect most people will talk mostly about some topics and not have much to say on the others.
- You might want to talk about one topic on one day and then talk about something else on another day.
- You can talk about other things you want to tell the Scottish Government
- Whatever you do or discuss is fine.



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Send your notes to us

- We can take a bundle of post-its, or handwritten notes, or a photo of a flip chart
- You can write up the notes and email them to us. That way you've got a copy.

What happens next?

We will put together a report to the people at the Scottish Government who are working on the Framework.

- We will include everything that people send us
- We will do a summary to show the main topics that people think are most important
- Your responses to us are in confidence and we will not say who said what.
- But if you want us to pass on anything and say it is from you or your group, we will do that.

We will send a copy of the summary report to everyone who send their notes to us. We will also let you know when the Scottish Government publishes the Framework.

When does it happen?

The Scottish Government want to publish their Framework in March. This means people have to send in their views to us by **8th February**. But we hope this is just the start of people having conversations about what is important to older people.

If you have any questions, or wish to send us your notes, please get in touch:

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Or talk to another person in the Outside the Box team who you know.

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More about us

Outside the Box helps local people build strong inclusive communities. We develop new services and make opportunities for people to have their say. There is more about us at www.otbds.org



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Discussion Ideas

Topics

These are topics that the Scottish Government is responsible for, and where they can set policies and make changes

- Arts, culture and sport
- Building, planning and design
- Communities
- Developing the public sector
- Economy
- Education
- Energy
- Environment and climate change
- Equalities and rights
- Fire service
- Health and social care
- Housing
- Justice
- Libraries, local services
- Policing
- Rural affairs
- Social connections
- Taxation – some aspects
- Third Sector – voluntary and community organisations
- Transport
- Volunteering
- Welfare rights – some aspects
- Work and skills

Outcomes

Another way to think about Scottish Government policies is the national outcomes that the Government wants to achieve. The National Outcomes are that people:

- Grow up loved, safe and respected so that they realise their full potential
- Live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
- Are creative and their vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely
- Have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society
- Value, enjoy, protect and enhance their environment
- Have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone
- Are healthy and active
- Respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination
- Are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally
- Tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally

Questions to discuss

- What is important to you on these topics or outcomes?
- How could this work better for older people?
- What would you like the Scottish Government to do? (For example, change the law? Tell people like Health Boards and Councils to do something? Encourage lots of people to do something?)
- What makes it easier for older people to have their say and be part of plans on these topics?

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Getting started - Three suggestions on how to have a discussion

You know how to have a discussion. But these are some ideas that may be useful in getting started.

1. You list out the topics or the outcomes.
 - People chose an item and have a conversation in small groups
 - Someone takes a note of the main things each group has said.
 - Repeat this with another topic.
2. Get a few photographs that are about some of the topics.
 - People take a photograph and talk about what that means for them, and how this topic can work for older people.
3. List out the topics or outcomes
 - Everyone choses their top priorities for older people – each person has 3 stickers, or puts 3 marks on their priorities
 - You have a conversation about what you have chosen. If you want help with organising a discussion, let us know.