

Foundation Statements Discussion

Thank you for taking part in our Foundation Statements Discussion.

Once you have completed the questionnaire, please return it via email to enquiries@ageuknorthtyneside.org.uk, or by post to **Age UK North Tyneside, Bradbury Centre, 13 Saville Street West, North Shields, NE29 6QP.**

If you have any queries, please call Jo Linton, our Community Engagement Officer, on 0191 280 8484, option 0.

Our Common Purpose Statement aims to describe briefly what the Age UK Network will do with, for and on behalf of older people.

Common Purpose Statement

“The Age UK Network enables older people to make the very best of their lives and works to create a society that truly values, supports and welcomes them.”

Question

Does the Common Purpose Statement above adequately reflect what Age UK should be doing with and for older people? What do you particularly like or dislike about the Common Purpose Statement? And why?

Principles

The Principles below aim to capture how the Age UK Network should approach their work and activities with and for older people who...

- are not separate from us, they are us and we are them
- are individuals with skills, knowledge and other assets that enable them
- are people with family, carers and friends who are partners in their lives
- are participants in society and communities, benefiting all
- must have choice and control over all aspects of their lives
- must be respected, valued, involved and enabled to have a sense of purpose
- must receive and be active participants in the care they need
- must have a voice in policy and in the design and commissioning of services
- must be recognised for the contribution they make and have made

Question

Do the Principles capture how Age UK should approach their work and activities with and for older people? Which Principles do you particularly like or dislike? What, if anything, would you change?

Network Ambitions

The key areas where we want to make a difference in the lives of older people

- **Voices** – express your views / be heard
- **Healthy, active and fulfilling** – access to great services and activities
- **Information, advice and advocacy** – able to get help and support
- **Poverty** – able to live a comfortable life
- **Care, access and quality** – care you need and affordable
- **Age-friendly communities and places** – part of the community
- **Equality, diversity and inclusion** – no discrimination / all included
- **Ageism** – older people are valued and ageism no longer exists

Question

To what extent do you think the Network Ambitions reflect the right priorities for older people? Is there anything missing or that you would add or remove?