



General Election 2019

On 12th December 2019, voters in Northern Ireland will go to the polls to choose MPs to represent them at Westminster. Our ageing population presents many opportunities and challenges for our society - for employers, the economy, as well as the welfare, housing, health and social care systems.

Age NI is calling on all candidates and political parties in this general election to **#Act4Age19** on the issues that matter to older people today and tomorrow. We believe everybody should be able to enjoy the dignified, secure and fulfilling later life that we all want for ourselves and those we love. See our **Priorities for the General Election 2019** below.

We are calling on election candidates to show their commitment by signing the **#Act4Age19** pledge here: www.ageNI.org/electionpledge

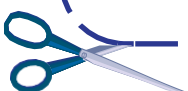
By acting together in this election, we can make sure that decision makers prioritise older people's issues.

You can support our #Act4Age19 campaign by encouraging candidates to sign the pledge and talking to them about our priorities and the issues that matter to you and older people you know. See overleaf for questions to ask candidates when they are canvassing.



Our Priorities: General Election 2019

- 1 Staying well, feeling good** - older people enjoying good health for longer, remaining as independent as possible and receiving the best care.
- 2 Tackling pensioner poverty** - older people having enough money to live comfortably and participate fully in society.
- 3 Equal and engaged citizens** - older people valued for their contribution and experience, their rights and dignity respected and protected.
- 4 Tackling loneliness and building connections** - older people having opportunities to be as connected and socially engaged as they choose to be.



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Use Your Voice – question the candidates

1 Staying well, feeling good

Questions for candidates:

- How will you ensure that older people receive the care and support they need to help them remain as independent as possible?
- What steps will you take to ensure adequate funding and resources are in place to transform the social care system so that it is person-centred, fair, sustainable and accessible?

2 Tackling pensioner poverty

Questions for candidates:

- What will you do to ensure that pensioner poverty is reduced and pensioners on low incomes have enough money to live comfortably and participate in community life?
- What will you do to help older people who want to continue working for longer?
- How will you protect the incomes and dignity of people in their fifties and sixties who are unable to work up to their State Pension Age?

3 Equal and engaged citizens

Questions for candidates:

- What steps will you take to ensure that older people in Northern Ireland enjoy the same rights and protections when accessing goods, facilities and services, as their counterparts in the rest of the UK and Republic of Ireland?
- What will you do to ensure that your constituency is genuinely age friendly with safe and easy access to services, facilities and transport?

4 Tackling loneliness

Questions for candidates:

- What steps will you take to secure the development and implementation of a loneliness strategy for Northern Ireland that delivers coordinated action at all levels of Government and across statutory organisations?
- What will you do to ensure that the Government takes back responsibility for funding the BBC TV licence fee for people aged over 75?

Thank you for getting involved in #Act4Age19. To find out more contact:

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