



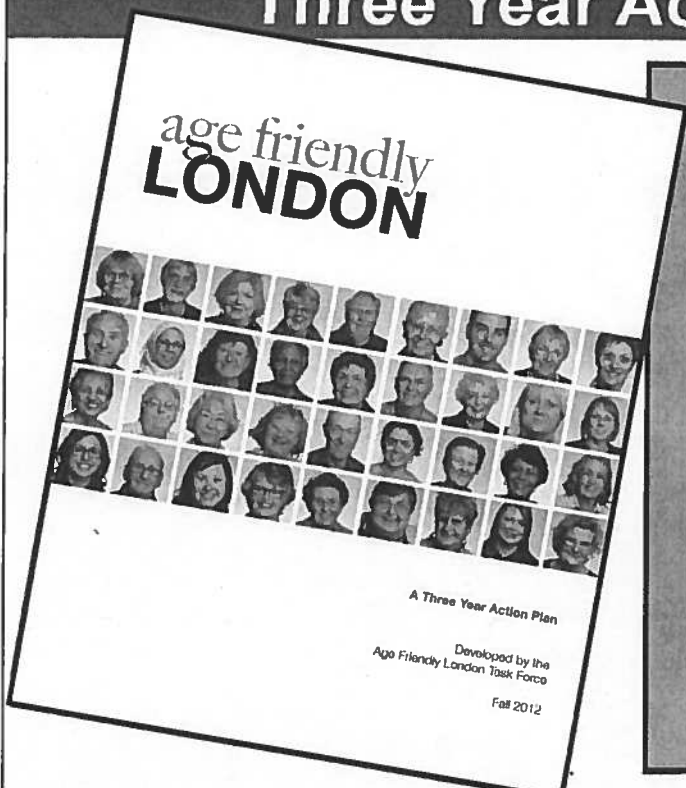
The Age Friendly London Network
 Presentation to the Community and Protective Services Committee
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Age Friendly London: Our History

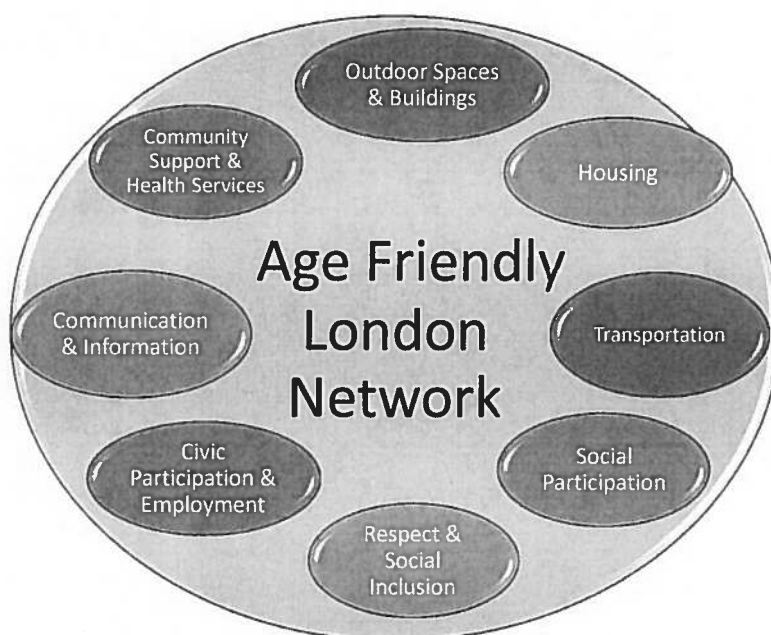
Our History: Highlights	
2005	Working Together to Support London's Seniors Community Action Plan
2007	WHO Age Friendly Cities: A Guide is released
2007	City Council's Creative City Committee launches Working Group on AFC
2010	London joins WHO Global Network of AFCs
2010	First Age Friendly London Conference
2010	Age Friendly London: First Report to the Community
2011	Age Friendly London Task Force is launched
2012	Age Friendly London: A Three Year Action Plan
2013	Age Friendly London Network is launched
2014	Celebrated First Year of Action Plan Implementation

Age Friendly London: Three Year Action Plan



500 Londoners consulted
+
100 Task Force members
+
50 community conversations
=
1 vision
of an age friendly London

The Age Friendly London Network



Age Friendly London Accomplishments



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Outdoor Spaces & Buildings



Working Group Accomplishments

- Age Friendly Parks Checklist developed; 188 parks assessed so far
- 45 new “age friendly” benches installed in 2014

Current Projects

- Developing Age Friendly Business guidelines to be piloted and distributed to local business owners

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Transportation

Working Group Accomplishments

- Advocated for the installation of crosswalk upgrades in neighbourhoods with many older adults
- Participated in planning with ACCAC on videos for accessible parking and training for drivers



Current Projects

- Working with Western students to create a resource to educate and encourage older adults to use the LTC bus system

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Housing

Working Group Accomplishments

- Investigate potential housing models and best practices for older adults and assess feasibility for implementation in London
- Ensuring older adults participate in the Homeless Prevention and Housing Plan review and updates

Current Projects

- Working with Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA) to hold a workshop on tenant and housing rights for seniors



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Social Participation



Working Group Accomplishments

- Developed an index to help older adults choose recreation programs that match their needs
- Expanded REXPO event to inform more older adults of recreation and leisure opportunities

Current Projects

- Supporting the Age Friendly London Conference, hosted by the Council for London Seniors, March 27th, 2015

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Respect & Social Inclusion



Working Group Accomplishments

- Identified and reviewed best practices of intergenerational programs in London
- Created inventory of awards and events that recognize seniors

Current Projects

- Launching a campaign for Seniors Month (June) to promote positive images of aging, in partnership with the London Public Library

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Civic Participation & Employment

Working Group Accomplishments

- Encouraged seniors participation in municipal elections through Mayoral Debate
- Created a promotional video to encourage older adults to volunteer in the community

Current Projects

- Working with employment support agencies to ensure older adults have access to appropriate employment supports



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Communication & Information

Working Group Accomplishments

- Identified thehealthline.ca and 211 Ontario as the “go-to” places for information
- Increased community awareness of information resources

Current Projects

- In March 2015, The AFLN will host an educational workshop for older adult service providers in partnership with thehealthline.ca



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Community Support & Health Services

Working Group Accomplishments

- Helped amend zoning by-law definition of “daycares” to include adult caregiving
- Working with the SWCCAC to promote programs on self-managed care



Current Projects

- Working with Community Paramedicine Program and other partners to improve referral of older adults to community supports and health services

Looking Ahead

London is a Global Leader in Age Friendly Communities

- First City in Canada to join the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities
- Recognized by the International Federation on Aging as one of the Best Future Visions of an Age Friendly Initiative
- Receive multiple requests to present at conferences and share our methods with other communities

What Are Our Next Steps?

- Deepening the impact of Age Friendly within the City of London and community organizations
- Year Three of Action Plan Implementation begins in June 2015
- Evaluation of the Action Plan: Have we made London more age friendly?
 - Application to the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program
- Planning for the next iteration of the Age Friendly London initiative

For More Information



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