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### **Re Application for Membership to Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities**

Dear Dr. Beard,

On behalf of Roscommon County Council, I wish to apply to the World Health Organisation for Membership of your Global Network of Age- Friendly Cities and Communities

Under the auspices of Irelands National Age Friendly Counties Programme, I can confirm that Roscommon County Council has been working towards becoming an Age Friendly County for 4 years now and has achieved the following objectives in order to establish our county as Age Friendly:

- An alliance group dedicated to the vision of an age friendly Roscommon has been established. This group comprises of Senior Management of the HSE, Roscommon County Council, Roscommon Leader Partnership, An Garda Síochána, Roscommon Citizens Information Service, Athlone Institute of Technology, representatives from the County Roscommon Older Peoples Council and Local Link - Sligo/Leitrim and Roscommon Transport Coordination Unit.
- We have carried out a comprehensive, county- wide consultation process with older people to listen to the issues that matter most to them.
- Following this consultation with older people, service providers and others, we developed the County Roscommon Age Friendly strategy 2016- 2020. This document contains specific commitments by agencies, service providers and older people's organisations to implement agreed changes. It reflects the priorities expressed by older people in the consultation process. In Roscommon we will be focussing on introducing measures and actions to create and develop an age friendly county, a Working Group of key stakeholders has also been

established to develop the strategy and implement the actions. The Strategy was formally launched in January 2016.

- Roscommon County Council is committed to making our County a safe, inclusive and welcoming society. One in which our elder citizens are cherished and supported to enjoy a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle. This is especially important as Roscommon is the fourth oldest county in Ireland and ranks highest on the longevity scale.
- We are working with all of our partner agencies and stakeholders to deliver on the commitments set out in our Age Friendly Strategy, and a number of successful initiatives have been delivered to date. Later this year an official launch event will be held in Boyle to celebrate the Town becoming the first official Age Friendly Town in County Roscommon.
- Roscommon County Council will continue to collaborate with partner agencies and stakeholders on innovative new initiatives that meet the needs of our older citizens for generations to come.

I trust you will find this application is in order and look forward to hearing from you in the near future with confirmation of our affiliation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ivan Connaughton", is written over a horizontal line.

Councillor Ivan Connaughton  
An Cathaoirleach  
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