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Joining the WHO Global Network Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear WHO,

the City Münster is a young town, last but not least considering of more than 65.000 students. However, the numbers and the proportion of the population of older people are also increasing in our city. In 2021, 23,9 % of Münster residents were 60 years and older, and by 2030 their share will rise to 26,5 %. The Council of the City of Münster has now decided, that we want to join the WHO Global Network Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

The city and civil society have been active for the elderly for many years. As a link between the council, administration and citizenry, the Municipal Senior Citizens' Representation is committed to the interests of older people on a voluntary and non-partisan basis, gives suggestions to the council and administration, is an important driving force in the Council's committees and is bindingly involved before Council decisions concerning the interests of older people in Münster.

The administration has expanded its planning for elderly care in order to create more services for the elderly and to take an even closer look at their needs and wishes. It follows a wide-angle view that includes cultural, sporting and health aspects as well as poverty in old age and loneliness. It is also the task of elderly care to network and coordinate the cooperation between institutions and initiatives in the work of the elderly.

In addition to a number of counselling and assistance services offered by independent welfare, Münster has a lively scene of civic activities for and with older people. Important fields of these offers are communication and encounter, health, education, culture, sports and leisure.

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An advisory board was set up for the age-friendly city of Münster, which selected the topics for the strategic plan.

We are very much looking forward to working together in the network.

Yours sincerely



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