



## YATE TOWN COUNCIL

FAO WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

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### **Application into the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you as Chair of Yate Town Council regarding our application to join the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

The Town of Yate is a town and civil parish located in the region of South Gloucestershire, England. It lies just to the south-west of the Cotswold Hills and is 12 miles north-east of Bristol City Centre. The 2011 census recorded our population at 21,789.

Within the same 2011 census it measured that around 40% of our town's population is aged 45+. Teaming this with our historical commitments to ensuring those ageing within our town are empowered and involved in the happenings of the town, we decided to create the initiative of 'Yate Ageing Better'.

The mission of the Yate Ageing Better project is to enable everyone to live their chosen lives within our community.

We believe that every person is unique and valued, with a role in our community.

Working with others in our community, we want everyone in Yate to be able to be involved, heard and valued. Yate Town Council is committed to ensuring older people:

- **feel heard** - having a say in decision-making on things that affect their lives;
- **have access to** -

- ❖ relevant information;
  - ❖ suitable transport;
  - ❖ going about town and the activities they want, when they want them;
  - ❖ the work and volunteering they want;
  - ❖ outdoor spaces and buildings that meet their needs and aspirations;
  - ❖ the health, social care or wellbeing services they need.
- **are connected** -
    - ❖ within our community and are respected and included.
  - **be seen** -
    - ❖ to ensure ageing residents and visitors are seen as individuals within our community, not as objects of need;
    - ❖ that our community sees age as a number, not a barrier, so that age does not define our residents.

Alongside our commitment to making Yate an age friendly community, we provide support and offer a wide range of activities under the Yate Ageing Better initiative including:

- The Pop Inn Café;
- Armadillo Cinema & Café sessions (AM & PM - subtitled);
- Yate & District Bowls Club;
- St Nix Lunch Club;
- Yate Men's Shed;
- Volunteering with us.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of our application and welcome feedback to support us to move forward in supporting the ageing population within our Town to thrive in the community.

Yours Faithfully,



Councillor Karl Tomasin  
Chair and Mayor of Yate Town Council

