



Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council  
Lord Mayor's Office

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**WHO Headquarters in Geneva  
Avenue Appia 20  
1211 Geneva  
Switzerland**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Application for Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough to join the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Communities and Cities**

It gives me great pleasure as Lord Mayor of Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council to submit this letter of support to enable our borough to begin its journey to becoming an Age Friendly Borough. Age friendly communities promote physical and social environments that support healthy active ageing and a good quality of life for older people.

This presents a great opportunity to make our Council area a place where older people can live full, active, valued and healthy lives. Living longer is a huge opportunity if we adapt our neighbourhoods and communities to work for us as we age. We recognise that in our Borough there are 33,530 people aged 65+ and that this number will grow by 65.6% in the next 23 years and the number of residents aged 85+ is set to rise by a staggering 125.8% by 2043. We also recognise that growing numbers of older people are living with dementia, multiple long-term health conditions and in social isolation. Developing an Age Friendly Borough is one of the most effective local policy approaches for responding to demographic ageing.

We are working closely with Armagh Banbridge Craigavon Seniors Network and going forward we will ensure we adopt a co-production approach to ensure the voice of our older residents is heard.

I look forward to working with other age friendly areas and becoming part of a global network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Paul Greenfield  
**Lord Mayor**