



SANDNES KOMMUNE

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Letter of commitment in joining the WHO Global Network for Age friendly Cities and Communities

It is with great pleasure that I confirm Sandnes Municipality's commitment to joining the WHO Global Network of age-friendly cities and communities. We are enthusiastic about actively participating in the network's initiatives and sharing our experiences and insights with fellow members across the globe.

Sandnes is located on the southwest coast of Norway and is home to over 85,000 residents. Our municipality encompasses both urban and rural areas, which presents us with a diverse set of needs and opportunities in serving our population.

Demographic projections show that by 2045, the number of residents aged 67 and above will have increased by 76%, and those aged 80 and above will have grown by more than 144%. This significant shift underscores the importance of preparing our community to be inclusive, supportive, and responsive to the needs of an aging population.

Sandnes Municipality is committed to being a good place to live for all residents. We have embedded the concept of an age-friendly society into our municipal master plan. Furthermore, we have launched a dedicated initiative called *Sandnes blir eldre* ("Sandnes is growing older"), which focuses on four key areas: age-friendly communities, housing, digitalization, and service development.

We believe that joining the WHO Global Network will strengthen our efforts and allow us to contribute meaningfully to the shared goal of creating inclusive and resilient communities for people of all ages.

Sincerely yours

Kenny Rettore
Mayor