

National Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme

Making Ireland a great place in which to grow old



Ireland, more people living longer ...

11.67%

65+

(CSO 2011)

Over 65 population will increase

250%

By the year 2036 (CSO 2007)

22%

65+

By the year 2046

Ratio of older people to
working population

17.8

(CSO)

Over 65 population will increase to

1.4 m

By the year 2041 (22%)

Ratio of older people to
working population

35.2

(CSO)



A Global effort to make a real difference

Ireland Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme

- Eight WHO themes responding to changing needs across the life cycle
- Multi-agency collaboration
- Active citizen engagement leading to co-designing of responses
- Outcomes driven
- Embedding WHO Principles in fabric of Irish life



A Global effort to make a real difference Ireland Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme (AFCC)

- Initiated and led by World Health Organisation
- Framework for developing age friendly communities
- Hundreds of cities and communities in WHO global network
- Ireland's national programme started in 2009 in Louth
- Dublin Declaration signed 2014
- End 2015 All 31 Local Authorities established AFCC Programme



What an Age Friendly City or County involves

Local collaboration

A place where leaders and decision makers from the local authorities, health and social services, Gardaí, transport, service providers, NGOs, business and academics . . .

Local consultation

- form an alliance
- consult extensively with service providers and older adults, forming an Older People's Council
- make a plan and –
- implement real change in imaginative and cost-effective ways

Joined up, real change

in areas like supports to stay at home, better public spaces and parks, transport that meets needs, safer places, more opportunities to participate, better health services and new opportunities to volunteer to make neighbourhoods better places for all



Becoming an Age Friendly City or County

1

START

- Secure approval of Local Authority & Chief Executive
- Secure agreement of critical agencies
- Secure consent of political representatives
- Create an Age Friendly County Alliance
- Hold a public launch

2

CONSULT

- Consult with Older People
- Engage other key organisations
- Establish Older People's Council

4

ACT

- Begin implementing the Strategy
- Plan Forums
- Establish Age Friendly Business and Service Providers forum
- Monitor & review implementation

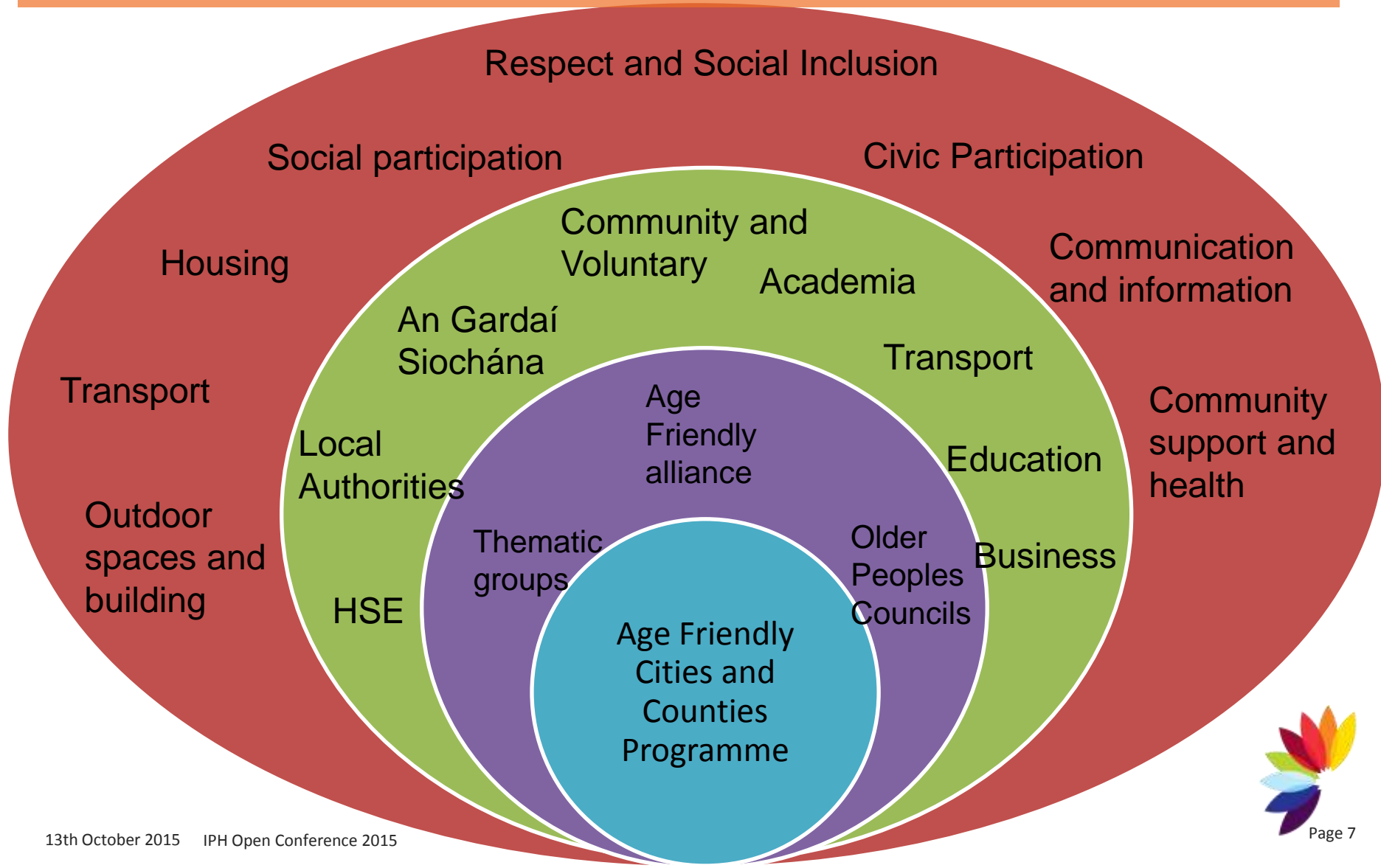
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PLAN

- Complete 1st Draft Strategy
- Check strategy reflects priorities
- Secure Alliance approval
- Finalise and launch strategy
- Affiliate to WHO Global Network



AFCC addressing health inequalities at a local and national level



Local innovation that is outcome driven



Outdoor Spaces and Buildings



Feeling safe at Home



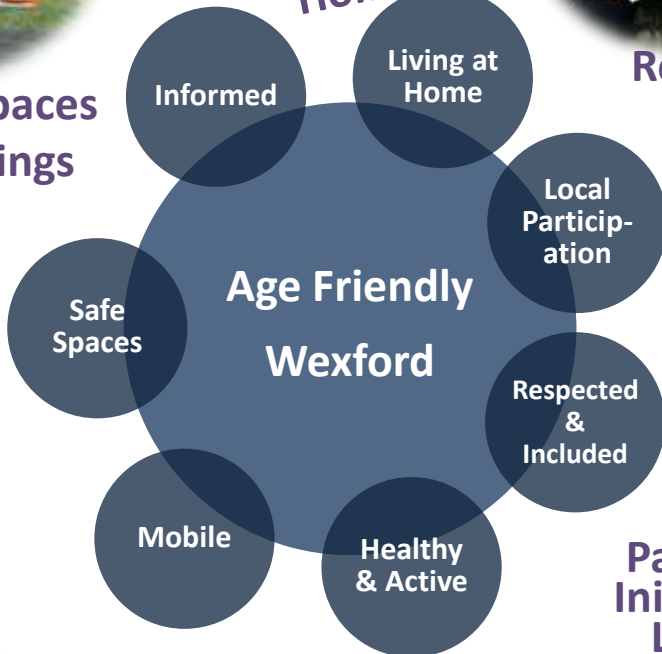
Remaining at Home



Getting about in Wexford



Assisted Technology - Great North Haven Louth



Ageing with Confidence



Memory Matters Dementia Programme



Recreation and Sports Partnership Kilkenny

Parlours Initiative Louth



Age Friendly Ireland in action



Age Friendly Business



Older People Remaining At Home



Age Friendly Libraries



Age Friendly Ireland

Goals and Strategic Priorities

GOAL 1

Develop strong, sustainable Age Friendly City and County Programmes aimed at improving the quality of life of older people throughout Ireland

GOAL 2

Optimise the quality and impact of the Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme by supporting the wide-scale application of innovative, effective and sustainable age-friendly practices

GOAL 3

Gather data and translate knowledge on healthy and positive ageing in order to achieve better outcomes and strengthen links with national policy



Find out more and get engaged locally and nationally

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