

PRESS RELEASE

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Age Friendly Wexford and Wexford County Council hosted the Older People's Council AGM on 5th of June 2024. The meeting was an opportunity for attendees to raise issues of importance and help to influence decisions and actions to be taken in the year ahead. A number of the attendees expressed an interest in joining the Older Person Council. Training will be held on the 19th of June 2024 to provide further details of duties in relation to joining the Older Persons Council.

Guest speakers on the day were Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Ger Carthy and Amanda Byrne Director of Services Wexford County Council. There were presentations from Laura Reidy, Health Insurance Authority of Ireland an Impartial body on Health Insurance and Nutritionist Sarah Siggins from FDYS. This initiative is supported by Wexford County Council.

Music on the day was provided by Emily Redmond on violin and Luke Cosgrave on guitar and vocal with Arthur McGreevy an attendee joining in as guest vocalist.

Cllr Ger Carthy , Leas Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council, speaking at the AGM on the 5th of June said:

“Encouraged attendees to engage in open and meaningful conversations, sharing your insights, experiences, and concerns. Your voices matter, and rest assured that we will be listening attentively and taking your views on board. Together, we can shape policies and initiatives that truly reflect the needs and aspirations of older persons in our society”.

Director of service Amanda Byrne said:

“Under the Wexford Age Friendly Strategy, we have made significant progress in key areas such as public realm improvements. However, we recognise that there is still work to be done. Looking ahead our new strategy will focus on building upon our achievements and addressing emerging challenges, including the provision of age-friendly housing, enhancing public spaces, and promoting the rights of older people to live independently and with dignity”.

For further on the Wexford Age Friendly Programme please contact the **Age Friendly Coordinator**, Niamh Bolger at niamh.bolger@wexfordcoco.ie

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Tony Dempsey (Age Friendly Ambassador), Mary B O'Leary (General Manager Local Link), Deirdre Mullally (Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator), Sue Kent (Wexford PPN), Amanda Byrne (Director of Service WCC), Cllr. Ger Carthy (Leas Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council, Niamh Bolger (Age Friendly Programme Manager), Dymphna O Connor (SEO Community Dept., WCC), Mary O'Connor (Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator), Alice Corbett (Regional Programme Manager Age Friendly Ireland)

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Attendees at Older Peoples Council AGM.