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## Which groups are involved in SOPA?

Around 40 groups from the community, national campaigns, humanitarian, equality, minority and lifelong learning groups have been reached, involving approximately 40,000 older people in Scotland.

### Planning group members are drawn from:

Aberdeen Multicultural Centre; AbilityNet; Action on Elder Abuse; Age Scotland; Borders Older People's Forum; Broomhouse Centre; Clackmannanshire Older People's Forum; Deaf Scotland; Disabled Living Foundation; Dumfries & Galloway Over 50s; Dundee City Council; East Ayrshire Council; Edinburgh Association of Community Councils; Faith in Older People; Food Train; Generations Working Together; Health All Round; Highland Senior Citizens Network; Human Development Scotland; Independent Age; Interfaith Association; Learning in Later Life Students' Association Strathclyde University; LGBTI Age; Living Streets Scotland; National Federation of Occupational Pensioners; North Ayrshire Council - Older People's Champion; Pilmeny Development Project Edinburgh; Public Partnership Forum - Stirling and Dumfries; Quiet Scotland; Renfrewshire Seniors Forum; Retired Police Officers Association Scotland; RNIB; Scottish Borders Council; Scottish Dementia Working Group; Shared Lives Plus; Trust Housing Association (Equality Scotland); U3A in Scotland; Unite Retired Members Association – Lanarkshire and Dumfries; Voice of Experience Forum.

The Scottish Older People's Assembly is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation number - SC046520.

## Scottish Older People's Assembly



## A voice for older people in Scotland

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## What does SOPA do?

Throughout the year SOPA promotes the voice of older people

- meeting with local groups
- recording and collating concerns issuing a newsletter
- meeting government ministers
- connecting with other politicians
- contacting officials and professionals
- using the press and social media
- arranging the annual Assembly



## SOPA's Aims

Ensure recognition of the contributions of Scotland's older people in influencing policies and services

**Improve** opportunities for older people's experience and voice to be heard on matters of concern

**Enable** people to use their experience and skills of a lifetime to develop solutions

**Connect** people in later life to decision-makers in government and to service providers throughout Scotland

**Ensure** people are not excluded from decision-making in older age and are made more aware of their rights

**Increase** people's access to resources and services that enhance quality of life

**Promote** opportunities for active citizenship

**Encourage** involvement in influencing policy decisions affecting later life

**Create** a climate of optimism about the benefits to society of an active older generation

**Aim** for equality and social justice for all in Scotland



Meeting local people in Glasgow

At a Planning Group meeting in Edinburgh



Engaging in debate at the annual Assembly

Older people in Scotland set SOPA's priorities



Kilmarnock participants helping to shape SOPA's priorities.