

# Introduction to Age Sector Platform & The Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament

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# Age Sector Platform:

## **Mission**

To be a strong unified voice for older people in Northern Ireland

## **Vision**

A society where older people's voices are heard, respected and acted upon

# Age Sector Platform:

## Aims:

To **engage** with older people, allowing them to make their voice heard

To **enable** older people to advocate on their own behalf

To **empower** older people so they can change their lives for the better

# Age Sector Platform:

- Established in 2008
- Is a membership organisation
  - 33 full members (groups)
  - Introduced individual membership in 2011
- Is a registered charity



# The NI Pensioners Parliament

- 2011 marked the first year of the Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament
- Original model 2011 – 2014
  - Survey (around 1,200 responses)
  - Local parliaments in each county
  - 2-day Pensioners Parliament in Belfast



# The NI Pensioners Parliament

- 2016 marks beginning of new 2-year model
- Year 1 (2016)
  - Local Parliaments in each council area
  - 2-day Pensioners Parliament in Belfast
- Year 2 (2017)
  - Two large themed parliaments
  - 2-day Pensioners Parliament in Belfast

# 2016 Parliament Locations







# Lobbying – NI Assembly





northern ireland  
**pensioners  
parliament**

make your voice heard



# Lobbying – Westminster





# Campaign Committees

Made up of older people from the membership with a particular interest in an campaign area.

Tasked with following up on motions passed by NIPP by:

- planning campaigns
- raising awareness of particular issues
- lobbying relevant bodies and public representatives



# Campaign Committees

- Westminster CC
- Health & Social Care CC
- 'Feel Safe' CC
- Making Ends Meet  
(Energy Prices, Food Prices)
- OFMdFM  
(Active Ageing Strategy, Goods, Facilities & Services  
Discrimination Legislation)





# Campaigning



# The Motions

Eleven motions were passed at the 2015 Parliament across the following areas:

- Fuel poverty
- Age discrimination
- Community safety
- Health and social care

Motions passed in 2015 motions formed the content of Pensioners Parliament Manifesto for 2016 Northern Ireland Assembly Election





- 1 Protect the Smartpass and free prescriptions for everyone aged 60+
- 2 Substantially reduce operation waiting times, and ensure care packages are based on need
- 3 Ensure the most vulnerable older people are assisted with their energy bills
- 4 Drastically improve the energy efficiency of new and existing homes
- 5 Improve conviction rates and enable more severe sentencing for crimes against older people
- 6 Ensure legislation effectively tackles age discrimination in goods, facilities and services



**join the  
research  
panel!**



The Pensioners Parliament research panel gives older people the chance to voice their opinion whilst assisting Age Sector Platform at the same time. The panel is open to members and non-members alike.

To join the research panel, you must:

- Live in Northern Ireland
- Be aged 50 or over; and
- Have an interest in expressing your views on issues of relevance to older people!



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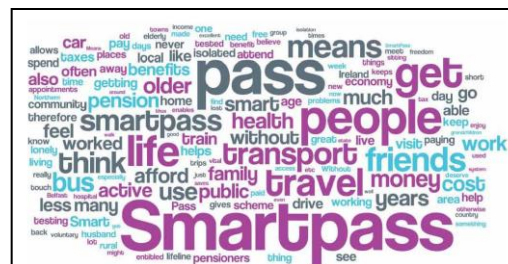
## Research reports launched during 2014-15

### Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament Heating Costs Survey

May 2014

### Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament Health & Social Care Survey

May 2015



### Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament Smartpass Survey

September 2015



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