



# Speaking Up for Our Age:

Help us celebrate 75 years of older  
people's groups in Scotland, 1943-2018



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In October 2018 Age Scotland will celebrate 75 years of national and local older people's groups and organisations in Scotland.

Our predecessor charity, the Scottish Old People's Welfare Committee was established in 1943, later becoming Age Concern Scotland and more recently renamed Age Scotland following the merger with Help the Aged.

Later life in Scotland has changed enormously over the past 75 years. Over the years a wealth of local older people's groups and organisations have been set up to provide important services and activities to benefit older people, or to campaign on behalf of older people.

Most of these groups and organisations have been set up by and are run by older people themselves who have given their time, energy and talents to make later life as good as it can be for people in their community. Each group has a rich history.

In the build up to our anniversary, and with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Age Scotland will be researching the history of both national and local older people's led community groups from 1943 to the present day. The oral histories, memorabilia, photographs, and documents that we gather will be used to create a special film and timeline magazine to celebrate the achievements of our sector, and share our story with younger generations.

## How can Age Scotland members get involved?

We warmly invite Age Scotland member groups to get involved in this project. Members can help by:

### **Becoming an Age Scotland History Detective**

Our **History Detectives** will learn reminiscence, interviewing and recording techniques and archive research methods. They will then put their skills in to practice by carrying out oral history interviews with people who have made an important contribution to advancing later life in Scotland.

The History Detectives will also have opportunities to research national and local archives to uncover materials relating to our heritage, or can get involved cataloguing and organising photographs and documents for deposit in the National Library of Scotland.

The History Detectives will ensure our heritage is properly recorded and preserved for future generations. Full training, and travelling and out of pocket expenses will be provided.

### **Becoming an Age Scotland History Partner**

Our **History Partners** are Age Scotland member groups who will organise activities to enable their members to look back on their group's history, learn more about how their group started, share and record reminiscences relating to their group's activities and achievements, gather materials that help tell their story such as minute books, publicity leaflets, photographs, newspaper cuttings, and we hope generally have a really enjoyable time!

Each History Partner will have a budget of £1000 and the support of the Age Scotland Community Development Team to help them plan and organise their activities during January-May 2018, and to hold a local celebration tea party or event to share their history with the wider community and younger generations.

**We have places for 12 Age Scotland member groups to become History Partners.**



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## Registering your interest

### I would like to become an Age Scotland History Detective

Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Email: .....

Tel: .....

### My group would like to become an Age Scotland History Partner

Name of group: .....

Contact Person: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Email: .....

Tel: .....

Tell us when your group was formed  
and what you know about your history: .....

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## Further Information

For further information or to register your interest  
in this project, please complete and return this form to:

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