

HelpAge

International

FAIR **guidelines**

**Four steps towards
a UN convention on
the rights of older
people**

Why we need a convention

We all want to live in a fair and just society. But older people are denied their rights worldwide.

A UN convention would

- protect older people's rights
- change attitudes to older people.

Four steps for you to take

1 Find out your government's position

- Find out who decides
- Find out who to persuade
- Find out your government's position
- Set your goals
- Make your plan

2 Argue your case

- Why we need a new international system
- Why a convention is the best option
- What should be in a convention
- What difference a convention would make
- What counter-arguments to make to your government

3 Involve older people

- Understand why
- Decide your approach
- Work out your tactics

4 Review your progress

- Track things that happen
- Assess your progress
- Plan your next steps.