

## Principles of the HelpAge Global Network

In a world where people are living longer lives, the HelpAge Global Network brings together more than **150 organisations in different countries around the world** to unite them in the common mission of creating a fairer world for older people.

The Global Network seeks to connect like-minded organisations in order to inspire a movement for change which puts population and individual ageing at the heart of development and transforms the lives of older people.

The different organisations collaborate to strengthen national, regional and global influence around issues of ageing.

In the spirit of collaboration and progression, the Global Network is guided by a set of principles, grounded in core [values](#) which accord with HelpAge's commitment to support, convene and provide thought leadership.

As part of the Global Network, all members must agree to the following basic principles:

1. **Commit** to the HelpAge vision of ***a world where every older person leads a dignified, healthy and secure life*** and participate collectively to achieve the ambition laid out in the HelpAge International Strategy 2030 [Ageing in a just world](#)
2. **Share** a joint aspiration to a world where older people's rights are fully recognised and protected in international, regional and national human rights law. The world we want to see is a just and fair world for everyone, whatever their age.
3. **Unite** with older people, network members, civil society, governments and others to change the systems and attitudes that exclude older people and limit their quality of life.
4. **Collaborate** to promote the voice of older people, enabling them to claim their rights, make choices and participate meaningfully in decision-making in all parts of their lives, whether personal, family, social or political. Support older people to challenge ageism and inequality.
5. **Act as partners**, in a spirit of mutual equality and trust. Share information and knowledge with each other, embracing open, transparent and engaged ways of working.
6. **Listen** to each other and learn from each other. Every member has an equal voice, valid experience, and knowledge to share.
7. **Do no harm**: let our actions be done for the benefit of others and our shared goal be to limit or prevent unintended negative effects.