



Older people's housing champions network

Biographies of network members including skills and interests: October 2019

Name	Main sector experience and links	Local/ national older people's networks	Knowledge/Skills/Interests/region
John Simmons (Chair)	Former Deputy Director and Head of Adult Care with 40 years' experience in social care in Derbyshire	Chair of Healthwatch Derbyshire, involved in many local charities, Trustee of Care and Repair England	Integration of housing, health and social care, accessibility and lifetime homes, age friendly environments <i>East Midlands (Derbyshire)</i>
Diana Minns	Worked in housing and housing advice and was an elected councillor in Haringey and Chair of the Housing Committee.	Elected tenant representative on Cambridge's Housing Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Cambridge Celebrates Age	Housing and ageing especially social housing, poverty, health issues and tackling social isolation, rural issues <i>East (Cambridge)</i>
Ellen Lebethe	An activist in the Anti-Apartheid movement both in South Africa and the UK and latterly in the Keep Our NHS Public campaign and the National Pensioners' Convention	Chair of Lambeth Pensioners' Action and of the Lambeth Older People's Alliance, Vice President of National Pensioners Convention	Poverty, housing and health, diversity, activism <i>London (Lambeth)</i>

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Alan Gowers	Worked as an economist and project manager in UK and abroad	Trustee of Newcastle Elders, Committee member of outdoor activities charity (WinG of Gateshead)	Improving UK housing standards and people's options, smart and sustainable housing North East (Newcastle)
Esther Salamon	Development and management of cross sectoral projects, adviser to several trusts and foundations, co-founder of Café Culture North East and other innovative projects	Trustee of Elders Council of Newcastle, Fellow of RSA, currently developing housing primarily (but not exclusively) for older creative people via 'Independent Creative Living'	Arts and education, impact of the arts on people and communities, strategic planning and review, homes/communities that are fit for purpose – physically, creatively, intellectually, economically, socially North East (Newcastle)
Joan Rutherford	MRTPI (Rtd.) Manchester City Council Planning dept. 2000-6: Manager of City's Access team, 1985 -2000: Forward Planning and Development Control Sheffield City Council 1970 -77 Local plans and regeneration	Member Age-Friendly Manchester Design Group, Member TfGM Disability Design Reference Group, Member Manchester Disabled People's Access Group, Treasurer High Peak Access; Joint Chair Manchester Women's Design Group.	Training built environment students and practitioners in access awareness; Campaigning for accessible (age-friendly) environments North West (Manchester)

Pauline Whittaker	Canon UK Mersey.	<p>Executive committee of the North West Pensioners Association National Pensioners Convention (NPC) Member of Knowsley Older People's Voice (KOPV) where she serves on their Steering Group. Older People's Partnership Board. Management Committee of Healthwatch Knowsley. Patient group at Aintree hospital. Steering Group for the Centre for Independent Living.</p>	<p>Housing and ageing, health, and campaigning for the voice of older people.</p> <p>North West</p>
Marjory Broughton	Registered nurse and resettlement officer. Many years' experience working for	Chair of EngAge Net and Vice Chair and Secretary SEEFA (South East Forum on Ageing)	Housing and ageing, health and social care and campaigning for the voice of older people

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	Age UK as an Expert by Experience and as part of the hospital inspection team inspecting most Trusts from London, South East to the Midlands		South East
Julia Pride	Voluntary sector management, governance and training. Previously Regional Manager Age UK and before that with Barnardo's and other charities	Member of SEEFA (South East Forum on Ageing), EngAge Net, Housing and Ageing Alliance and Age Action Alliance	Attitudes to ageing; later life engagement and participation; working productively with government to influence policy on later life South East
Tony Watts OBE	Copywriter, journalist, and marketer: specialist in later life issues property and technology	Chair SW Forum (soon to be SW Age Alliance) and Director of EngAge Net responsible for communications	<i>Housing and ageing, energy and fuel poverty, pensions and communications</i> South West
Jill Turner	Community Researcher, Housing Consultant, CEO Brigstowe Project, Researcher/ Lecturer (Housing and the Build Environment), Housing Rights Advisor.	Community Researcher, Bristol Ageing Better. Bristol Older People's Forum (BOPF)	Housing and ageing, built environment, campaigning for the voice of older people. South West

Bill Rollinson	Former CEO of large independent Home Improvement Agency	Chair Leeds Older People's Forum	Housing needs of older people, disabled adaptations, reducing loneliness and social isolation, partnership work with local authority, campaigning for the voices of older people to be heard.
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			<i>Yorks & Humberside (Leeds)</i>
John Welham	Former Locality Manager for Government Office for Yorkshire and Humberside (HIPs and housing renewal) Currently represents age issues on Leeds City Councils' Equality Assembly and a working group set up to develop an Older People's Housing Strategy in Leeds	Vice Chair Future Years Forum and Leeds Older People's Forum, Trustee of Care and Repair Leeds and Director of EngAge Net	Housing and ageing, diversity, transport, tackling fuel poverty and poverty in later life, reducing loneliness and campaigning for the voices of older people <i>Yorks & Humberside (Leeds)</i>
Sue Gillespie	Formerly worked for a major social housing provider as a senior manager with corporate responsibility for the strategic and operational direction of their sheltered housing service	Volunteer for Age UK Warwickshire	Housing issues and housing law, health and safety, human resources, policy development, strategic planning and review <i>West Midlands (Warwickshire)</i>
Anne Bailey	Local council housing and social care commissioner developing extra care housing in the West Midlands	Chair Later Life Forum West Midlands	Housing, social care and health, extra care housing, innovation in new housing, carers, dementia <i>West Midlands (Wolverhampton)</i>