

Age Sector Platform

Age Sector Platform (ASP) was established in 2008 to campaign for older people across Northern Ireland and provide a strong, unified voice for some of the most vulnerable people in society.

Since then ASP has provided older people with a voice on a wide range of issues including health and social care, fuel poverty, fear of crime, age discrimination and loneliness.

ASP also engages with older people across the province through participatory forums such as the NI Pensioners Parliament, conferences and an annual survey.



Impacts and Successes

Managed the development of the **Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament**, an innovative and effective model of participatory democracy

Secured **£22.5m** in extra payments to low-income pensioners to **assist with fuel poverty**

Organised a successful **campaign to prevent the abolition of cheques**, a preferred method of payment for many older people

Successfully lobbied for an **NI Commissioner for Older People** and got a commitment in the NI Executive Programme to **outlaw age discrimination** in the provision of goods, facilities and services

Sustainable Practices

On completion of the self-evaluation several factors were identified that would help to ensure the future of Age Sector Platform and its services. In addition to attracting alternative funders, ASP will look to:

- Secure more support from existing/previous funders.
- Further promote the work and the development of the NI Pensioners Parliament
- Increase the membership base of the organisation at the community level
- Maintain a strong, committed staff team as well as those who sit on various member committees
- Develop partnerships and collaborations with other organisations across the Northern Ireland age sector
- Continue to advocate and campaign on behalf of the needs of older people across Northern Ireland
- Develop the NI Pensioners Parliament Research Panel

Managed by an Executive Committee of twelve older people, ASP currently has a membership base of 34 older people's organisations and networks, which represent approximately 200,000 older people across NI

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