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u3a has signed a statement, along with 70 other organisations, calling for a Commissioner for Older People and Ageing to raise awareness of the issue people face in later life.

u3a is excited to be joining forces with more than 70 other organisations to call for a Commissioner for Older People and Ageing to raise awareness of the issues people face in later life and to bring together decision makers to make change happen.

An extract from the statement reads, " Older people want to be part of the country's vision, now, and in the future. As our older population becomes increasingly diverse, we believe that older people urgently need a champion at the heart of the government, working alongside the Older People's Commissioners for Wales and Northern Ireland, to help make the UK the best place in the world to grow old."

A Commissioner for Older People and Ageing would be an independent champion of older people, raising awareness and working to resolve issues that people face in their later life. This includes ensuring that policy and practice across government considers the long-term needs of people in later life and the implications of our ageing population on society.

u3a signed this statement in the hope that it will enable older adults to have an increased voice in the future - including the perspectives of u3a members.

Read the statement on [the Independent Age website](#).

What issues would you want a Commissioner to lobby for and promote on your behalf? Please let us know at impact@u3a.org.uk