



Older People's Hub

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Who we are

The Older People's Hub is one of the ways Leeds Older People's Forum has to ensure the voices of older people in Leeds are listened to.

We hold a series of Older People's Hub events each year when people can come along, hear speakers on topics that might interest them, ask questions and give their thoughts. If people can take what they've heard back to their friends or community groups they go to; we can spread what we hear and help Leeds become a more age-friendly city.

If people come to the Older People's Hub and find they want to take more of an 'activist' role and get more involved in consultations, mystery shopping, and making recommendations to City Leaders, they can join our [Age Friendly Steering Group](#), which meets on a monthly basis in the City Museum.

Email Elizabeth@opforum.org.uk
or phone 0787 1371819

What you told us you want to know more about

In September, we met, and you told us what you wanted to talk about:

- Transport
- Electric bikes and skateboards and bicycles on pavements
- Hospital appointments / GP appointments and ways of working, i.e. Digital options are not helpful
- Promoting intergenerational activity and all-age activism
- Learning in later life
- Power of Attorney / Wills / Bereavement and support
- Housing & independence
- Digital inclusion
- Cost of living
- Healthy ageing and strength and balance

What we've done



LOPF organised speakers to come to our October Hub to discuss transport and accessibility in our public spaces.



In November, we've organised speakers on housing and independence.

At the October Older People's Hub, we heard from:

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA):

Adiba and Andra want older people to get involved in helping WYCA develop their plans and strategies. They explained that WYCA is responsible for transport across West Yorkshire, for example, bus travel, the growth of the economy, housing growth, and policing. Tracy Brabin, the mayor of West Yorkshire, oversees WYCA.

You said:

The Access Bus is lovely, enjoyable to use, amazing drivers and door-to-door shopping. We want to be involved in the review of Access Bus.

Talk to us using different methods: community TV, shop screens. Go to libraries and supermarkets; use council newsletters and local magazines; go through local councillors, neighbourhood networks or homecare providers.

Leeds City Council:

Rosie introduced the City's Vision Zero Strategy, which aims to bring road traffic fatalities to zero. She explained that the Council use data to prioritise roads and junctions in need of safety measures, that speed limits are set using the new Government and that more men are involved in collisions.

You said:

Some roundabouts, for example at Lawnswood, have no pedestrian crossings.

Pavements can be unwalkable because of overhanging trees and cars parking on pavements.

Cyclists, scooters and electric bikes on pavements are a menace.

Baibre talked to us about **accessibility in public spaces**, the best designs for outdoor benches (wooden, with a straight back and armrests on both sides), and bus stops on cycle lanes.

You said:

Flat seating at bus shelters makes it difficult for people to wait

Leeds needs more enclosed bus shelters

Drop curbs can be slippery if they're steep

What we learned:

- WYCA are reviewing the Access Bus, and they want to work with us on the review.
- Leeds City Council have a mechanism for reporting issues with pavements, including fallen trees and parking, as well as problems with pedestrian crossings:

[Report an issue website link](#)

Email complaints@leeds.gov.uk

Call 0113 222 4405

Please note that it can take time to respond because it will need to be investigated.

- West Yorkshire Police have a mechanism to report anti-social behaviour:

How to report anti-social behaviour

- For non urgent issues and to pass on information, call West Yorkshire Police on **101**.
 - In an emergency (if a crime is in progress or you think the offenders are near by), call **999**.
 - To give information anonymously, call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.
 - Alternatively you can fill in our **Anti-Social Behaviour form**.
 - Or complete our **Nuisance bikes / quads / off roaders reporting form**
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- Heritage buildings can be made accessible, if you're told it can't be done this could be based on finances. Leeds Town Hall will be an example of a Grade One listed building. If a group tells Leeds City Council a building is inaccessible they will respond.

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or call 0113 222 4405

Future dates:

Date: Monday 4 November

Time: 10 am for a 10.30 start

Location: Age UK Leeds, Bradbury
Building, Leeds, LS2 8JA

Topic: Staying Independent in Your Home

A light lunch is provided

Date: Monday 9 December

Time: 10 am for a 10.30 start

Location: Age UK Leeds, Bradbury
Building, Leeds, LS2 8JA

Topic: To be announced

A light lunch is provided
