Ageing in Place: Harnessing the Contribution of Housing, Communities and Technology

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Wednesday, October 16th

Prof Anne Hendry, IFIC Senior Associate and Director, IFIC Scotland welcomed delegates to this workshop organised by three of IFICs Special Interest Groups: Ageing and Frailty; Rural, Remote & Small Islands systems; and Intermediate Care. The session was a hybrid event with a mix of in-person presentations and online speakers.

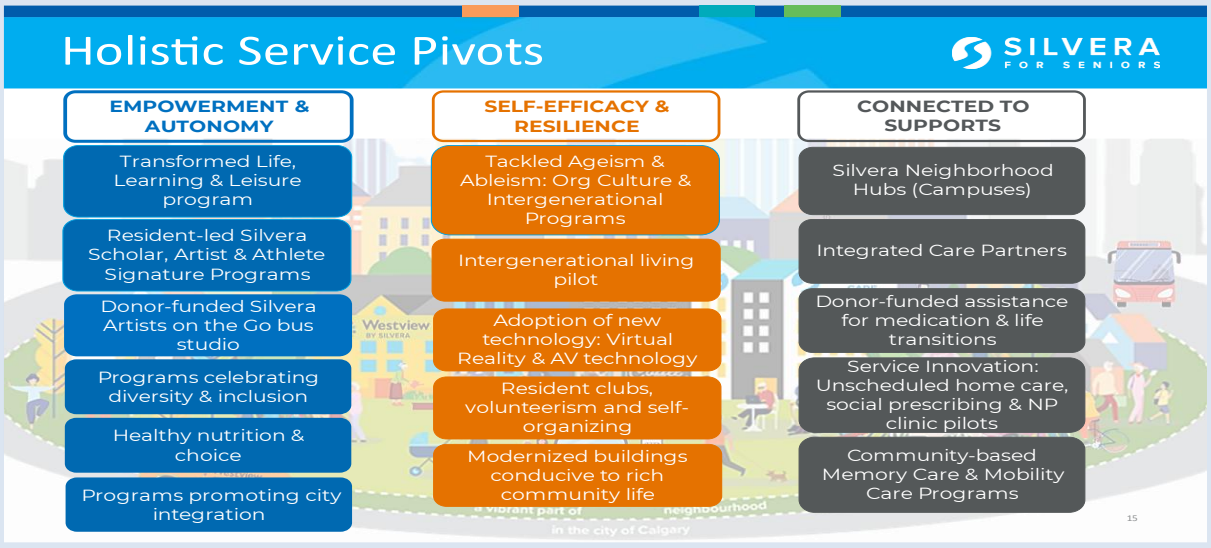
Mark Harrington, National Manager, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme, Age Friendly Ireland spoke about Healthy Age Friendly Homes – a collaboration between the Department of health, Department of Housing and Local Government. The needs of older people are assessed in six domains (housing; health; finance; energy; technology; and community) to achieve four main aims.

Mark shared a video clip on 'the work of the local Co-ordinator.

Aoife Dennis, Housing with Support Scheme Manager, ALONE described the principles of Housing with Support and its aims to promote safety, wellness, connectivity and independence. She highlighted the contribution of assistive technologies to achieving these aims and described ALONE's national demonstrator site in Dublin.

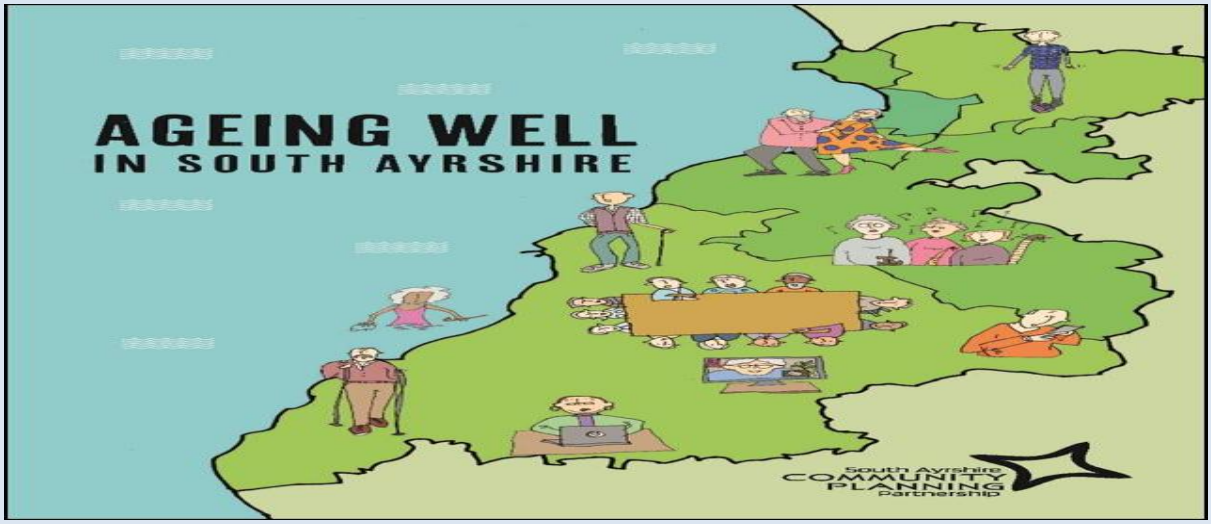
Dorothy Quon, VP, Seniors and Health Services, WoodGreen, Toronto, Ontario described the range of connections and services that Woodgreen wraps around their tenants, through collaboration with health and care and community partners in Toronto. She continued the theme of integrating technology into daily life to enhance communication, connections and remote health monitoring, particularly at times of transition.

Olivia Chubey, Chief Service & Operations Officer, Silvera for Seniors, Alberta reflected on how a housing provider can help older adults age well in place. She described the Silvera Way as a holistic, person centred and partnership approach. Olivia shared data on the positive impact on outcomes for quality of life, being connected and delaying transfers to a higher level of care.



Billy McClean, Head of Community Health and Care Services, South Ayrshire Partnership, described a cross-sector approach to Ageing Well in a coastal and rural area of Southwest Scotland. All local citizens over the age of 50 years are encouraged to get involved. Over 150 participate in three Ageing Well Champions Boards to really have their say in shaping their local communities.

Billy highlighted the new Ageing Well in South Ayrshire strategy and the range of preventative and wellbeing activities on offer. You can read more about the new strategy here and in this video.



Participants welcomed the range of contributions and the opportunity to hear the often overlooked perspective of the housing sector

Presentations and recording can be found here.

Please share this report with your networks and continue the conversation on Ageing in Place

Other Resources and Links

Toronto Public Health (2023, March). Toronto's Population Health Profile Toronto's Population Health Profile: Insight on the health of our city

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