

Celebrating older human rights champions

UNFPA, UNECE, OHCHR, WHO, the Geneva NGO Committee on Ageing and the Group of Friends of the Rights of Older People invite you to a
Cocktail reception, poster exhibition and performance by the UN Jazz Club

To celebrate

Older human rights champions on the International Day of Older Persons

Monday, 1 October 2018 – 18:00-20:00
Bar Serpent, Palais des Nations (Door 40)

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Seventy years after its adoption, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) remains important and relevant as ever. We remain free and equal in dignity and rights.

To commemorate this anniversary, this year's **International Day of Older Persons (IDOP)** will celebrate the older people around the world who dedicate their lives to championing human rights.

Older human rights champions today were born around the time of the adoption of the UDHR in 1948. They are as diverse as the society in which they live: from older people advocating for human rights at the grass root and community level to high profile figures on the international stage. Each and every one demands equal respect and acknowledgement for their dedication and commitment to contributing to a world free from fear and free from want.

The celebration of older human rights champions will raise the visibility of older people as active members of society committed to improving the enjoyment of human rights in many areas of life and not just those that affect them immediately. Older people are increasingly recognised as active holders of rights and full participants in society. IDOP 2018 provides the ideal opportunity to do this while raising awareness of the ageism and age discrimination that older people face.

Reception host:

Monica Ferro, Director, Geneva Office of UNFPA

Speakers:

Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNHCHR

Dereje Wordofa, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA

Ta'ána Gregor Brzobohatá, Chairwoman, Beauty of Help Foundation

Opening of the poster exhibition:

Lidia Bratanova, Director, Statistical Division, UNECE

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