



Daring new communities: Living solidarity in an individualised society

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About the speakers

Moira Allan



Moira Allan leads international development at OLD'UP, a pioneering French network that gives meaning and purpose to longer lives through exchange, reflection, and research.

Moira founded the 2Young2Retire network in Europe and co-founded the Pass It On Network with Jan Hively, PhD. This global, grassroots movement promotes positive ageing, advocates at the United Nations for a legally binding convention for the rights of older people, and challenges ageism through action. Active in 65 countries, it has a strong regional hub in Southern Africa. She also sits on the Mission Committee of Clariane, a leading European care group that embraces purpose-driven governance. She is a director of The Wiltons Foundation in South Africa, which supports SDG4 for inclusive education and lifelong learning in rural areas.

Dr Alejandro Bonilla Garcia



Alejandro Bonilla Garcia is Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva and Representative to the United Nations of the International Federation on Ageing (IFA). He holds Mexican and Swiss nationalities. He completed his actuarial studies at Anahuac University of Mexico, followed by a master's in applied mathematics to economics and a Ph.D. in economic policy from the University of Toulouse, France. He joined the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, where he served as Senior

Actuary, Senior Social Security Deputy Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Director of the Social Protection Department, Coordinator of Policies and Research and Interim Secretary-General of the International Social Security Association.

After retiring from the ILO, he served as a Senior Actuarial Consultant at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations in Geneva. Since 2024, he is elected Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva.

Liana Kokkolia



Liana Kokkolia holds a Bachelor's degree in IT and Analysis and a Master's degree in Marketing. Before founding ANTAMA, she spent 18 years in the private sector, focusing on strategy, product/service development, and integrated communications. Her transition into the social sector enabled her to align personal values with professional expertise, aiming to contribute to a better world for all ages.

As Co-founder and Strategy Lead of ANTAMA, Liana designs and implements educational, cultural, and awareness-raising programs to promote intergenerational solidarity and combat ageism and loneliness. Her work includes designing and implementing projects (in municipalities, companies, schools) that challenge age-related stereotypes with intergenerational connection purposefully embedded in most program designs. She also designs and manages campaigns that promote positive narratives around ageing. In her work she also develops interventions that alleviate loneliness and inspire meaningful social connections as well as collaborates on EU project proposals (Erasmus+, CERV), focused on social inclusion, active ageing, loneliness alleviation and community empowerment.

Alice Latta



Alice Latta is a Brussels based art therapist and project coordinator with a focus on intergenerational relations, life stories and memory. After her university studies in Linguistics, a Master of Performing Arts brought her into a more artistic field. Since then, she navigates between project coordination, creative workshops as well as teaching.

Within 'Vivre chez Soi' a healthcare service, she coordinates Mémoire Vive, an audiovisual project that values and empowers older people through video and storytelling. In 2019, she joined Entr'âges and is in charge of their two awareness campaigns, the Intergenerational week and the Intergenerational film festival. Alice is originally from Berlin and has three children.

Dr Claudia Mahler



Claudia Mahler assumed her role as Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons in May 2020. She is a senior researcher in the field of economic, social and cultural rights for the German Institute for Human Rights since 2010. She was also a visiting professor at the Alice Salomon Hochschule in 2020-2021.

From 2001 to 2009, Ms. Mahler conducted research at the Human Rights Centre of the University of Potsdam where her main fields were in human rights education, minority rights and the law of asylum. In 2000, she was appointed as Vice President of the Human Rights Commission for Tyrol and Vorarlberg (Austria). She has also worked as a lecturer in the field of human rights law and as a consultant to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva. From 1997-2001, she held the position of an assistant at the Leopold-Franzens-University Innsbruck, Austria in the field of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedures. Ms. Mahler received her doctoral degree in 2000.

Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf



President of AGE Platform Europe and Board Member of BAGSO, the German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations. From 2016 to 2024, she represented BAGSO at the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing at the UN in New York, where she campaigned resolutely for a UN convention for the rights of older persons.

In 2019, she has been appointed to the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) at the UNECE in Geneva as the representative of civil society. In this role, she constantly advocates for the rights of older people to be considered in the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the UNECE region.

Heidrun Mollenkopf is a sociologist and gerontologist. Before she retired, she was Senior Researcher at the German Centre for Research on Ageing (DZFA) at the University of Heidelberg.

Neža Repanšek



Neža Repanšek is a Slovenian expert in youth policy and civic engagement. She is the Director of Carlina – Institute for the Promotion of Youth Work, and a seasoned trainer with the National Youth Council of Slovenia. With over a decade of experience with project management in non-formal education and EU programmes, she has significantly contributed to youth empowerment and regional cooperation initiatives across Europe.

Anne Berit Rafoss



Anne Berit Rafoss has championed age-friendly development for the last 12 years. She has developed Oslo as an age-friendly city, established a working group on "Urban ageing" in the European network of cities called Eurocities and had secondments at the WHO Geneva office focusing on age-friendly development.

She has established a network of age-friendly cities and communities in Norway, first with the Norwegian association of local and regional authorities, currently hosted by the Centre for an age-friendly Norway/the Norwegian Directorate of Health. The Centre for an age-friendly Norway, where Anne Berit is project manager, is a result of the national quality reform for older people: "A full life – all your life". The Centre is committed to creating an age-friendly society focusing on the involvement of older people, cross-sectorial collaboration and sustainable development.

Ina Voelcker



Ina Voelcker is the Head of the Secretariat for International Policy on Ageing at BAGSO, the German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations. She coordinates BAGSO's international work which involves representing older persons' interests in international debates and fostering the exchange of civil society organisations from various countries. Ina is co-chair of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP). She holds a Bachelor's degree in Gerontology and a Master's degree in Public

Policy and Ageing from King's College London. Previously Ina worked with HelpAge International in London and the International Longevity Centre Brazil in Rio de Janeiro.

Dr Lisa Warth



Lisa Warth is Chief of Population Unit at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) whose work contributes to promoting policy dialogue on various facets of demographic change across the UNECE region. Through the inter-governmental Standing Working Group on Ageing, UNECE supports member States across Europe, Central Asia and North America in the implementation, monitoring, and appraisal of progress in implementing international policy frameworks on ageing, such as the Madrid International Plan

of Action on Ageing. Through technical advisory services, capacity building and various knowledge products including guidelines, policy briefs and seminars, UNECE promotes experience exchange and guidance on mainstreaming ageing.

Prior to joining UNECE in 2017, Lisa Warth coordinated and developed the Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities and Age-friendly World platform at the World Health Organization (WHO). Lisa Warth has a background in comparative policy analysis and holds a doctorate in Social Policy from the London School of Economics.

Nicole Zündorf-Hinte, M.A.



Nicole Zündorf-Hinte has been Head of the International Policy for Older People, Inclusion Division at the Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMBFSFJ) since May 2020.

From 2019 to 2020, she held the Evaluation, International Affairs and Research on Democracy and Diversity Division. Between 1994 and 2019, she held various positions within the Ministry. Among other things, she was a policy officer for fundamental issues of family policy as well as a policy officer

for the protection of women against violence, coordination of international policy against gender-based violence and human trafficking, including lead negotiation of the Palermo Protocol, the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and representation of Germany in the relevant EU bodies, Council of Europe bodies and UN bodies, negotiation of the Istanbul Convention for Germany.

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