



Human rights in old age – what is it to me?

November 25th, 2021, 9.30 am – 3.00 pm CET (Online participation possible)

International Day at the 13th German Senior Citizens' Day

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What is the importance of human rights in everyday life, especially for older people? How can older people be given access to their rights? How can the human rights of older people be better protected worldwide? These and other questions will be addressed by experts from Germany and abroad in three panels.

The first panel is about a basic understanding of human rights - from theory to practical experiences from different countries. The second panel focuses on Europe and gives participants the opportunity to get to know projects and initiatives that help older people with legal issues. What can be done at the international level to strengthen the protection of the human rights of older people worldwide? This question will be the subject of the third panel.

Simultaneous interpretation (English/German and vice versa) will be provided during the event. Online participation will be possible.

9.30 am – 10.30 am: Human rights: what do they actually mean, even in

old age? Welcome: Sonja Birnbaum, Managing Director of HelpAge Deutschland

Greetings: Sylvia Bruns, Head of Department for Social Affairs and Integration, City of Hanover

Input: Urs Fiechtner, writer and human rights activist

Panel:

- Daniel Smart, Country Director, HelpAge Tanzania (via video)
- Tatiana Sorocan, Country Director of HelpAge Moldova (possibly by video)
- Wenzel Michalski, Director of Human Rights Watch Germany

Moderation: Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf, Member of the Board of BAGSO, the German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations

11.00 am – 12.30 pm: Strengthening human rights in old age: but how?

Input: Joanna Goodey, Head of Unit "Research & Data", EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Panel:

- Maria Petkova, TULIP, Bulgaria
- Prof Josef Hörl, Pro Senectute, Austria
- Sarah Lennon, SAGE, Ireland (via video)
- Maciej Kucharczyk, Age Platform Europe
- Anna Chabiera, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland

Moderation: Nicole Zündorf-Hinte, Head of Division, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm: Securing human rights worldwide: what can and should be

done? Input: Amal Abou Rafeh, Programme Director Ageing Policy at the UN (via video) **Panel:**

- Tarja Halonen, former President of Finland
- Dr Claudia Mahler, Independent Expert on the Rights of Older Persons at the United Nations
- Prof Morten Kjaerum, Human Rights Cities
- Prof Matthias von Schwanenflügel, Director General for Demographic Change, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare, BMFSFJ

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Farewell: Franz Müntefering, Chairman of BAGSO

Organizers: HelpAge Deutschland e.V. and BAGSO - German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations, Secretariat for International Policy on Ageing

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