

London Mayoral manifesto on behalf of London Region National Pensioner Convention

The London Region National Pensioners Convention is the largest Pensioner group in London, and has members in nearly all the London Boroughs. We campaign to protect and enhance the interests of Older People in the Capitol.

We therefore have a special interest in the forthcoming Mayoral election. Having examined the wide remit of the Mayor of London we have produced this manifesto on what our members consider to be their priorities over the coming years. Below are the headings together with a small sample of the relevant related issues.

- *The appointment of a specific Deputy Mayor for Older People.**
- *Safety:** Adequate manning for policing and Fire Station services, safe travel and road crossing.
- *Transport:** Sufficient bus routes, accessible buses and underground/main line stations, assisted transport, including 'dial a ride'
- *Housed in comfort:** affordable, safe & warm homes, option of sheltered accommodation. Mayor to promote adequate home services and home adaptations for independent healthy living.
- *Age Friendly London:** Cultural Venues, accessible libraries, day centres, green spaces, places to sit, public toilets, and clean air.
- *Community and communications/Equal life chances for all-(age, gender, ethnicity and disability equality):** no discrimination against those without IT expertise or accesses to broadband, inclusive publicity options for telephone access and paper bills without financial penalty.
- *Living Costs in London to be affordable for public sector workers.** Young people and all the workers we rely on need to be able to rent/live in London.

Finally whilst the Mayor is not responsible for the provision of NHS services, we expect him/her to oppose any further changes which would reduce or dismantle Health Services in London.

Candidates are invited to endorse these proposals or should they disagree, to explain their reasons.

London Region National Pensioners Convention **(LR NPC)**

WHO ARE WE?

LR NPC is the largest of the 16 NPC Regions. We have over 120 affiliated groups representing Trade Union Branches, Retired members sections, Borough Pensioner groups or forums, Trades Councils, Resident Associations and other local or London wide groups. Added to this we have a growing number of individual members.

WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

Our campaigns include demanding a decent state pension to lift pensioners out of poverty, demanding good quality care for the elderly, opposing means testing, defending the NHS, Social Care, and other public services against Government cuts, and (last but not least) retaining the much valued Freedom Pass.

In short we campaign for those issues that pensioners themselves consider important.

WHAT DO WE DO

LR NPC acts as a coordinating body with affiliates retaining their autonomy according to their own rules. Affiliated groups have up to two delegates to the LR NPC Regional Council, that elects officers (unpaid) and an Executive Committee (EC). The EC meets monthly to carry forward the campaigns, and exchange relevant information.. The quarterly Regional Council meetings are open to all affiliates (and visitors), and all affiliates get a monthly bulletin and other information.

Remember UNITY IS STRENGTH.

We invite you to join a local group, but if that is not possible/practical, or you simply wish to join as an individual member please contact,

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