

Global Ageing Conference – 7 September 2023

Held on 7 September in the SECC, Glasgow, the 2023 Global Ageing Network’s biennial conference in Glasgow in conjunction with Scottish Care and the National Care Forum – leading care and support provider associations in Scotland and England – provided an outstanding opportunity and venue for colleagues to gather in a unique forum dedicated to shared learning and professional networking.



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The conference showcased innovative and forward-looking programmes and approaches from around the world, and offered a stimulating forum for the exchange of both practical knowledge and new strategies focused on the provision of high quality care and support. Delegates had the opportunity to learn about innovative practices, explore new ideas, and create environments that maximise the quality of life for those who require/access care and support.

Scottish Dementia Working Group (SDWG) Member Margaret McCallion presented at the conference. Margaret was invited by the CEO of Scottish Care, Donald Macaskill to share her personal experience living with her diagnosis but also her aspirations for social care and services as she gets older. Margaret shared how she lives her best life and asked the audience to “see the person, not their age, not their illness but the whole person”.

As part of the panel discussion Margaret shared the work of active voice and how SDWG makes a difference and tries to bridge the gap between policy and practice. Margaret is pictured below with Active Voice Lead, Wendy Rankin-Smith and CEO of Scottish Care, Donald Macaskill.

“ Getting older has lots of challenges in itself without the worry of your needs being met within an already stretched social care system. What do I want for the Future ? I want to be listened to. I want to have choices. I want to stay in my community. I want to have my human rights upheld. ”
- Margaret



“Fabulous talk by Margaret McCallion of the @S_D_W_G outlining the power of listening to people with lived experience and reminding us that we are more than our health & diagnoses.” - Twitter

“Thrilled to see Margaret McCallion, a woman living with frontotemporal dementia & an inspiring speaker who wants to be listened to, to have choices & to live within her community. So pleased to hear her voice today.” - Twitter