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Ten Principles of an Age-Friendly University

1. To encourage the participation of older adults in all the core activities of the university, including educational and research programmes.

2. To promote personal and career development in the second half of life and to support those who wish to pursue "second careers".

3. To recognise the range of educational needs of older adults (from those who were early school-leavers through to those who wish to pursue Master's or PhD qualifications).

4. To promote intergenerational learning to facilitate the reciprocal sharing of expertise between learners of all ages.

5. To widen access to online educational opportunities for older adults to ensure a diversity of routes to participation.

6. To ensure that the university's research agenda is informed by the needs of an ageing society and to promote public discourse on how higher education can better respond to the varied interests and needs of older adults.

7. To increase the understanding of students of the longevity dividend and the increasing complexity and richness that ageing brings to our society.

8. To enhance access for older adults to the university's range of health and wellness programmes and its arts and cultural activities.

9. To engage actively with the university's retired community.

10. To ensure regular dialogue with organisations representing the interests of the ageing population.

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Milestones Age-Friendly University Global Network

- DCU2010 Working Group established with stakeholders
- 2011 Developed Ten Principles of an Age-Friendly University
- 2012 Launched the Age Friendly University Initiative & global network ASU & US
- 2014 AFU Coordinator appointed
- 2015 Inaugural Global Conference “Engaging Ageing”
- June 2022 95 universities & growing
- 2018 2nd Global Conference
- 2019 UN Working Group on Aging
- 2021 3rd Global Conference
- “Universities as engines of active and healthy ageing”
- “New Frontiers of Ageing – Research, Policy & Practice”
- The Future of Ageing and the Silver Economy
- WHO Age Friendly Cities
- National Positive Ageing Strategy
- National Plan for Equity of Access to Higher Education 2010
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