

Affordability and the relationship in the age-friendly cities and communities arena

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Age-friendly Cities & Communities Questionnaire (AFCCQ) UK/English Perspective

Where has the AFCCQ been validated?

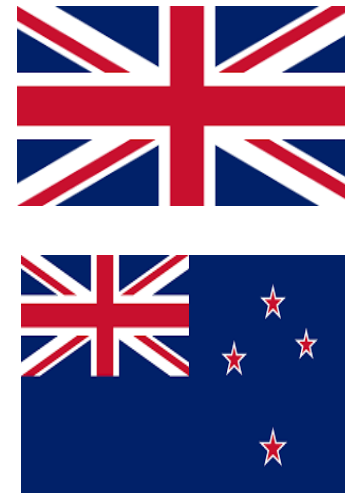
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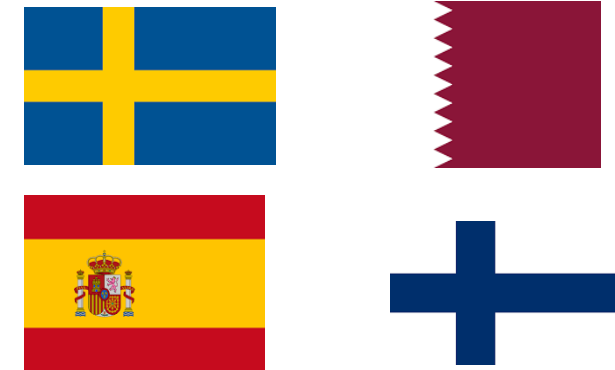
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Age-friendly Cities & Communities Questionnaire (AFCCQ): Benefits

1. There is **NO** (current) AFCC quantitative measure
2. Applied academic research & build collaborations
3. Local authorities receive on the ground insights to the **needs, priorities** of **residents**
 - a) Planners/developers can use the data as a 1st indication of satisfaction to the physical environment
 - b) Organizations can use the data to set foundations for their actions and activities
 - c) Public transport providers for example
4. Contribute & add to the WHO Age-friendly Network
5. AFCCQ scoring can be compared to identify changes, improvements, transparency & accountability
6. Collects data directly from residents rather than spokes people
7. Complements qualitative data from communities, and research projects

AFCCQ-UK Validation

- Online survey
- Utilised Social Media, mailing lists and the OU AL Forum
- Sample (n=426)
 - Responders primarily from England
 - Lower sample from across the Nations
- Age 18-59, 60+ years
- AFCCQ-UK – demonstrates measuring age-friendliness intergenerationally

Open Societal Challenges (OSC) Project

- Milton Keynes: A dementia friendly city for all
 - <https://societal-challenges.open.ac.uk/challenges/transforming-milton-keynes-into-a-dementia-friendlycity/395>
- The OU, MK County Council, MK Development Partnership
- Scoping review – ongoing (Phase 1)
- Data collection – AFCCQ (Phase 2)
- DFC (validation) survey – forthcoming (Phase 3)

Pontefract – West Yorkshire



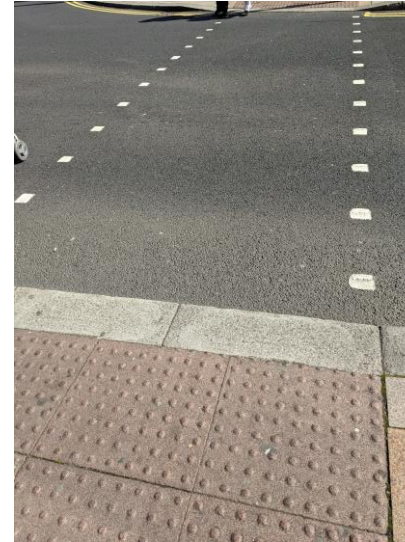
Milton Keynes



Stony Stratford



Middlesbrough











Ageing Without Children (AWOC)

- Growing body of research (Dr R. Hadley)
 - Policy, Media, Peer Reviewed Papers & Book
 - @RobinHadley1 / <https://www.robinhadley.co.uk/>
- What is AWOC?
 - Choice / Infertility or circumstance
 - Geographic displacement
 - Children predeceased / unable to offer support /have their own care needs
 - Estranged/ unwilling to care
- UK Statistics (Office for National Statistics, 2020)
 - 2045 – 66,000 women >80 years
 - No data collected based on men
 - Care responsibilities/caring

Thoughts for the Future...

- Explore & speak to various individuals (AWOC, Intergenerational etc.)
- Different needs, experiences & expectations
- Push the boundaries of narratives
- Is it necessary to reinvent the wheel?
- What have other disciplines done? (HCI/Comp Sci, Engineering, Architecture, Geography, etc.)
- How is research going to benefit communities/society?
- Multi-actor collaborations (e.g., organisations, policy makers – evidence)
- Evaluations needed of the AFC frameworks & of existing AFC's
- AFC narratives must take a *Transgenerational* (Marston, et al., 2022) perspective
- Finance CANNOT be ignored/overlooked & it should have been integrated into the WHO AFC (2007) framework.

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