

Getting involved

The NPC is an umbrella organisation made up of affiliated national, regional and local pensioner groups, as well as also having individual supporters. Decisions and policies are determined through a democratic structure that encourages participation. Each region of England has its own NPC body, in addition to NPC N Ireland, NPC Wales and NPC Scotland. Every two years a delegate conference determines NPC policy and elects officers, a national council oversees the general activity of the organisation throughout the year and an executive committee and officers carry out the day-to-day business, assisted by a small staff.

The Convention also has a number of working parties which look at specific areas of policy as well as encouraging greater participation from women and minority elders. As part of its commitment to equal opportunities, all pensioners are encouraged to get involved in the work of the NPC.

To support the NPC and its campaigns, please complete and return the form below. Thank you.

Affiliation/Supporters' Form

- I wish to become an individual supporter of the NPC and receive details of my local group
- My organisation would like to affiliate to the NPC

National organisations: £150-£3000 (dependent on size of membership)
Branches of national organisations: £50
Local pensioner groups/forums/RMAs: £15
Individual supporter: £5

Contact name: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

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Cheques should be made payable to NPC and returned to National Pensioners Convention, Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, London NW1 2EJ



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Today's and
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Pensioners*

The voice of the pensioners' movement

The National Pensioners Convention (NPC) is Britain's biggest independent organisation of older people, representing around 1000 local, regional and national pensioner groups with a total of 1.5m members.

The NPC's main objective is to promote the welfare and interests of pensioners, both now and in the future, as a way of securing dignity, respect and financial security for all in retirement.

The NPC organises rallies and lobbies of MPs, leads delegations to parliament and makes submissions to government on policies affecting older people. The Convention also stages an annual three-day Pensioners' Parliament in Blackpool, where over 2000 representatives from across the country discuss issues of concern and share ideas in an atmosphere of genuine friendship.

The NPC also regularly features in both the local and national media, and uses every opportunity to raise awareness, influence public opinion and secure changes in policy on important issues.

The real strength of the organisation however comes from the work of our many affiliated groups, who are active in their local areas and regions, promoting the NPC's campaigns. This makes the Convention unique, as the only national campaign group in the country which is run by pensioners for pensioners.

To keep our affiliates and supporters informed, we also produce a quarterly newspaper called *The Message*, alongside regular briefing papers and pamphlets, as well as organising seminars, training sessions and educational schools. In addition, the Convention maintains a library of useful information on a wide range of subjects, as well as a popular website.

With more support from both today's and tomorrow's pensioners, the NPC will be able to develop its organisation, strengthen its influence and increase its level of activity as the campaigning voice of the pensioners' movement.



The Pensioners' Charter

The NPC believes that every pensioner has a right to choice, dignity, independence and security as an integral and valued member of society. To achieve this, the NPC campaigns for a wide range of policies, many of which feature in the Pensioners' Charter (below) which was created in 2005.

Every man and woman on reaching state pensionable age will have a right to:

- A basic state pension set above the official poverty level and linked to average male earnings
- A warm and comfortable home
- Free health care treatment based on clinical need and an annual, comprehensive health check
- Free community care and services to assist living at home
- Free long-term care
- Free nationwide travel on all public and local transport
- Free education, access to and participation in leisure and cultural activities
- Goods, services and benefits without age discrimination
- Active engagement and consultation on national and local issues affecting older citizens
- Advocacy, dignity, respect and fair treatment in all aspects of their lives