

Older women: the hidden workforce - Building global solidarity for older women's access to economic justice

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About this event

On Monday 6th December at 12.00 GMT, an exciting panel of experts on women's economic justice, income security and decent work will convene to unpick the challenges that older women experience, and to pinpoint the crucial steps that policymakers must now take to ensure these injustices are addressed in the final decade of the 2030 Agenda.

Globally, older women in all their diversity are contributing unrecognised yet critical support to their families, communities and economies through their paid and unpaid work. The lives of all women are constrained by gender-based inequalities, but older women also face age discrimination and their contributions to their communities' wellbeing and to the economy tend to be invisible to policy makers. This is as true in low and middle-income countries as it is in countries like the UK; and in poorer contexts, women are far less likely to have access to a pension or healthcare as they age.

This online policy webinar will use Age International's new report 'Older women: the hidden workforce' as a starting point for discussion. We will create a space where stakeholders can reflect on and respond to the barriers, concerns and aspirations highlighted by older women in low and middle-income countries, deepening our collective thinking on how to strengthen the UK Government and international actors' policy response.

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- Professor Diane Elson, Emeritus Professor, University of Essex
- Kate Horstead, Policy Advisor, Age International
- Silke Staab, Research Specialist, UN Women
- Aura Sevilla, Focal Person in Southeast Asia and Older Workers, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)
- Andrew Kavala, Country Director, Malawi Network for Older Persons Organizations (MANEPO)
- Ann Keeling, Chair, Age International (Chair)

This event will take place on Zoom.

Read the report here: <https://www.ageinternational.org.uk/policy-research/publications/older-women-the-hidden-workforce/>