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To the Chairperson and Members of
The Central Area Committee.

Central Area Age Friendly Report – October 2018

National Convening of Older People's Councils

The National Convening of Older People's Councils is taking place on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November 2018. National OPC Convention seminars have taken place on a rotating basis since September 2014. This time the National Convening is being hosted by Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Older Person's Council and will take place in the Druids Glen Hotel and resort. It is anticipated that 120 people from across the 31 local authority areas, that are participating in the Age Friendly Cities & Counties Programme, will attend.

Older People's Councils are an important means of engaging with older people across the Country and linking them into the work taking place under Age Friendly City and County strategies. The purpose of this convening is to allow Older People's Councils to network and share experiences and identify priority issues. The event also provides a platform for specialist speakers on a range of topics selected by older people. This year's theme is **Keep Going, Keep Giving**'. This speaks to one of the eight WHO Age Friendly Cities themes - "Civic Participation and Employment" .

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