

International Day of Older Persons 1 October 2019 'Journey to the Age of Equality'

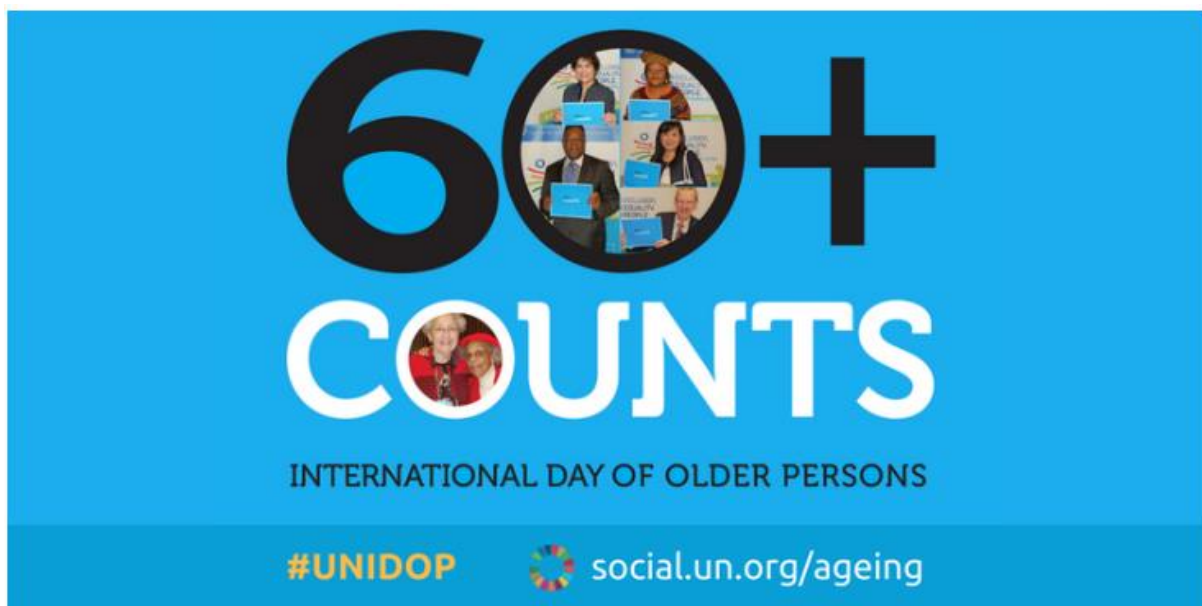
Since 1991, the [International Day of Older Persons](#) has been commemorated worldwide on 1st October 2019, drawing attention to issues affecting older people and celebrating the vital contribution older people make to society. Almost 700 million people worldwide are now over the age of 60.

The 2019 theme for International Day of Older Persons is 'Journey to the Age of Equality'. The theme recognises that sustainable development will only be achievable if it's inclusive of all ages. This includes empowering older people with opportunities to contribute, promoting their active participation in social, economic and political life, and changing stereotypes around 'old age'.

In the NSW SES, we have more than 2000 members over 60 years of age. Some joined us when they retired from full-time work while others have been part of the evolution of the NSW SES for decades. All bring an incredible wealth of knowledge and skills from diverse life experiences. We acknowledge and appreciate the time, energy and expertise generously shared by our older members for the benefit of the Service and the wider community.

To mark International Day of Older Persons, we're asking experienced members age 60+ to share their memorable SES moments and what motivates them to volunteer. Take a look at these snapshots shared by [Evelyn](#), [Joe](#), [Vic](#) and [Dennis](#).

If you're a NSW SES member over 60 years of age, and would like to share a bit about you and your SES journey, contact diversityandinclusion@ses.nsw.gov.au



You can find out more about International Day of Older Persons here:
<https://www.un.org/en/events/olderpersonsday/index.shtml>