

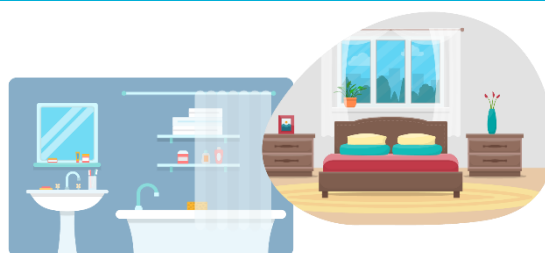
Let's talk

Do **THE COMMUNITIES YOU SERVE** have what they need to be safe and secure as they age? **Let's talk!**

Do **YOU** have what you need to start the conversation with them? **Let's talk!**

Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong has resources for NGOs and partners to help them reach older Hong Kongers and connect them to resources to enhance their living spaces.

Our Ageing in Place programme focuses on how older Hong Kongers can improve their living spaces to adapt to the challenges of ageing. Working with researchers and partners, we have conducted extensive research that informs how we identify challenges, the way we engage the community, and the recommendations we make for adapting living spaces. Our research is designed to improve outcomes, and we're open to partner and to share assets to reach diverse communities across Hong Kong. You can find more information on our Ageing in Place website or [reach us directly](#).



Our research-driven Ageing in Place Home Safety Assessment is the ideal tool to understand what potential upgrades ageing Hong Kongers may need in their homes.

The centre of our approach is an easy-to-use Ageing in Place Home Safety Assessment tool. The graphic, online survey is built off of PolyU's research to help ageing residents understand how they may need to upgrade their living space for different needs as they age. Based on the survey results, our tool creates action plans for potential upgrades, and can connect respondents to community resources when they qualify. You can access our tool online, use it during engagements with the local community, and connect with us if you would like to receive training.

Building partnership across the Hong Kong community can help us achieve better outcomes for all aspects of our ageing population

Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong welcomes partners in driving positive outcomes for ageing community members with better public resources allocation and utilisation among different parties. We've developed a partner toolkit to centralise resources such as our survey, discussion guides, research materials, marketing assets, and more that can better reach and inform local communities. Reach out to us today to start a discussion.



Visit our site to view our website to access additional materials designed to make ageing Hong Kongers living spaces safer, more comfortable, and more secure.

Did you know?

We can train you to use our Ageing in Place Home Assessment tool when working with the older adults to help them understand what enhancements can be made to their homes as they age.

Learn about our assessment today >

More information about installation of home enhancements can be found on our website here.

Learn more about enhancements >

Our Let's Talk! discussion guides aim to make it easier to have conversations about how our living spaces need to adapt as we age.

Access the Let's Talk discussion guides today >

About Ageing in Place

Hong Kong is the most expensive property market in the world, with 25% of the population living below the poverty line. Around 220,000 people live in cramped and unhygienic subdivided housing, many waiting years for public housing. Like other developed economies, the population is aging and by 2050, Hong Kong will have the oldest population in the world. The city will also face the challenge of aging housing stock, compounded by deteriorating conditions of residential buildings in a sub-tropical climate. Following the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on age-friendly cities, embracing age-friendly communities would create active aging opportunities for older adults through health, participation, and security, enhancing their quality of life as they age. The WHO has identified housing as one of the eight domains necessary to provide a comprehensive view of the age-friendliness of a community.

In partnership with ZeShan Foundation, in June 2022, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong launched the pilot phase of our 'Project Home Works: Ageing in Place' programme. We worked with a local university to field test a new assessment tool to identify the needs of under-privileged older adults people living in public rental housing. We worked with a network of community-based organizations, home repair experts and local NGOs to provide appropriate home modifications to 60 grassroots households, enabling

vulnerable older people to live in age-friendly homes through installations of handrails, bed rails, anti-slip floor treatments, flooring repairs, lighting improvements, flashing doorbells and other relevant modifications.

We subsequently launched Phase 2 of the programme in January 2024 with funding from ZeShan Foundation, Kerry Group and the Yau Family Charitable Foundation, which aims to deliver home modifications to a further 350 elderly households (benefitting around 525 elderly beneficiaries and caregivers), develop an online resource platform and campaign to raise public awareness and adoption of home modifications, and increase engagement with stakeholders in the private and social welfare sectors. Leveraging our experience as Ageing in Place practitioners, we can make an impact on the NGO sector, service provision and elderly welfare policy. We can also influence the private sector to explore more inclusive senior housing solutions that cater to marginalized populations and improve accessibility in the city.

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