

Resource: Using Photo-Voice

Purpose

- To encourage people to take photos that represent their perceptions of what an age friendly community is to them.
- Photos can be used to initiate discussion and dialogue within your age-friendly group or with others.
- The photos can be used to advocate for change. For examples, photos can be taken to city council, organizations or business to advocate for increased accessibility.

Tips and suggestions

- Supply older adults with a disposable camera if they do not have a camera
- Provide participants with a list of suggestions to guide their photography. For example, you may encourage them to take pictures of places, items, or people in your community that represent:
 - Safety and security or un-safety, and insecurity
 - A welcoming and inclusive community or an exclusive or unwelcoming community
 - Accessibility or inaccessibility
 - A great, or not so great, aspect of your community
- Use these photos to initiate communication
- There are some great examples of photovoice projects in our resources section: City of Thunder Bay (CERAH), Town of Fort Frances, Voice of Youth through Images of Aging - UWO