



Age-Friendly Honolulu

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Aloha Friends and Supporters of **Age-Friendly Honolulu**;

Since the beginning of the year the Age-Friendly City Implementation Committee has been working on a number of projects and programs to advance the goals and recommendations of the Action Plan. One important and strategic project has been the re-branding of our efforts under the new name **Age-Friendly Honolulu**. This simple change provides an easy to remember name that is similar to age-friendly programs in other cities across the nation and throughout the world.

As part of this re-branding we have established a new website, agefriendlyhonolulu.com, as well as created our own Facebook page, [@Age-Friendly Honolulu](https://www.facebook.com/agefriendlyhonolulu). These two efforts are intended to give **Age-Friendly Honolulu** a broader social media reach and enhance our ongoing community involvement and educational efforts.

The new website contains background information on **Age-Friendly Honolulu**, provides details on our current implementation efforts, lists recent news and upcoming events, and will be the go-to source for all things **Age-Friendly Honolulu**. Check it out for all the latest news!

Gary Nakata & Frank Streed

Age-Friendly Honolulu Co-Chairs

Age-Friendly Honolulu Supports Honolulu Complete Streets



Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and AARP Hawaii Executive Director Barbara Kim-Stanton share their support for Honolulu Complete Streets and Age-Friendly Honolulu.

Age-Friendly Honolulu was one of many active participants at the **Downtown/Chinatown Community Symposium and Complete Streets Exposition** sponsored by the City's Department of Transportation Services at the Laniakea YWCA on March 15th.

Enhancing pedestrian safety, providing for alternative modes of transit, and improving mobility for persons of all ages are key elements of Honolulu's Age-Friendly City Action Plan. Supporting the City's Complete Streets Program is one way to help achieve those goals.

Improvements proposed for the Downtown/Chinatown area range from pavement markings that delineate bike lanes and routes, to bulbouts that extend the sidewalk and improve visibility of pedestrians. Also included are raised median islands and protected intersections that reduce conflicts and separate pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicular traffic. The plan reflects a range of solutions within the area from River Street to Punchbowl Street, makai of Vineyard Boulevard.

Age-Friendly Honolulu Featured at Hawaii Public Health Association Event

On April 6th, the Hawaii Public Health Association celebrated National Public Health Week with an event at the UH Cancer Center's Sullivan Conference Center. The theme of the night was "**Healthiest Nation 2030: What Do You Bring To The Table?**"

The roundtable event allowed attendees to visit different discussion tables throughout the evening, each featuring speakers on pertinent public health topics such as age-friendly communities, drug policy, Medicaid and Medicare, dietary patterns and cancer risk, and other programs in Honolulu including Blue Zones and Bikeshare.



Age-Friendly Honolulu's discussion theme was "An Intergenerational Approach to Age-Friendly Communities". **Dr. Christy Nishita**, consultant to Age-Friendly Honolulu, represented the initiative along with two students from 'Iolani School who are pursuing projects that impact the Age-Friendly Honolulu Initiative. **Bryson Choy** is working with Colby Takeda from Plaza Assisted Living on a project called "Honolulu Walks", an intergenerational photovoice project that is analyzing walkability in Honolulu communities. **Marley Dyer's** project promotes transportation alternatives and is piloting the GoGo Grandparent service, which allows older adults to access rides through Uber and Lyft using a touch tone phone. The Age-Friendly Honolulu transportation workgroup is in conversation with GoGo Grandparent and analyzing how cities like Los Angeles are subsidizing these rides for older adults.

The event was attended by more than 80 public health professionals from government, the private sector, and academia, and was a wonderful opportunity to expand awareness of our Age-Friendly Honolulu efforts.

Age-Friendly Honolulu Calendar of Upcoming Events

World Youth Congress

June 17-25, 2017, Various Locations, Honolulu, Hawaii

Over 300 youth from Hawaii and across the globe will gather to discuss pressing issues affecting social and environmental sustainability. Under the conference theme "Reconnecting Our Ancestral Roots to Build Sustainable Communities," Age-Friendly Honolulu will host a workshop on aging and age-friendly cities. The workshop will include a panel discussion on age-friendly cities and an intergenerational "Minecraft" exercise on creating age-friendly environments. For more information about the World Youth Congress visit their website at: <http://peacechild.org/world-youth-congress-hawaii-2017/>.

Honolulu Senior Summit

June 22, 2017, Neil S. Blaisdell Center

The City & County of Honolulu's Elderly Affairs Division, in cooperation with Kaiser Permanente Hawaii and Age-Friendly Honolulu, will be sponsoring a Senior Summit to convene and engage professionals and service providers in the field of aging to address key issues that affect the quality of life for older adults in our community. This working summit is intended explore new tools and approaches to developing creative and innovation solutions to the challenges facing our growing senior population.