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Older women play a key role in achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world

To mark International Women's Day 2021, the Older Women's Network, Europe (OWN Europe) highlights the huge contribution older women make in our societies as formal and informal carers, nurses, childminders, teachers, social workers, cashiers, cleaners, and other essential jobs.

"Although the COVID-19 social distancing measures have forced many of us to limit our external contacts, we wish to stress the need to empower older women and to acknowledge the crucial role they play in achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world", said Joke de Ruiter, Chair of OWN Europe.

Older women are amongst those most affected by the current pandemic. Yet they seldom have a say in policies that concern them most. "It is essential that their voice is heard in the ongoing debates on how to rebuild better post-COVID-19 societies", added Elizabeth Sclater, Secretary General of OWN Europe.

OWN Europe is a think-tank and lobby group composed of older women active at local, national, and international level. We seek to influence strategy formulation, policy implementation, and change relating to older women's human rights, as well as the development and delivery of services to meet the needs of older women across Europe.

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