**OGM 4th Feb 2023**

**DIGNITY ACTION**

**The beginning of February each year signals the National Pensioners’ Convention’s (NPC) annual Dignity Action Day educational campaign. This year the theme is Dignity in Retirement and Dignity in Work. We believe one should follow the other seamlessly as and when the moment of retirement occurs.**

**The NPC works on behalf of today’s and tomorrow’s pensioners by supporting good inter-generational relations and fairness. We campaign so that older people have the right to choice, dignity, independence and security as an integral and equal member of society who is not dismissed by ageist prejudices and whose voice of experience should be valued.**

**The NPC wholeheartedly supports the TUC initiative of ‘Demand Better’ and will continue to give support to workers in struggles. A minimum expectation for workers should be decent work and pay conditions, as well as safe conditions for staff and service users.**

**We also stand for:**

* **A Decent State Pension for all set above the official poverty level of £267.05 per week in 2023 and linked to the triple lock of the higher of earnings, prices or 2.5%.**
* **Affordable and decent homes appropriate to the needs of people through their lifetime.**
* **A free National Care Service funded through taxation.**
* **An end to disappearing services due to the digital-first push causing problems with accessing banking, transport, health & social care and purchasing goods.**
* **The establishment of an Older People’s & Ageing Commissioner for England to give a real voice to the elderly as in Wales and Northern Ireland.**

**Anglia members in Suffolk were due to plan, at the Lowestoft branch meeting held yesterday, where and when to join with Norfolk members and leaflet the general public next week in furtherance of publicising this educational campaign.**

**Full details of all NPC information can be found on the NPC website at:**

[**www.npcuk.org**](http://www.npcuk.org/)

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