**PRESS RELEASE**

**Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Collette Finn Officially Opens Age Action's New Cork Office**

Cork, Ireland, 8th November - Age Action, Ireland's leading advocacy organisation for older people and ageing, is delighted to announce the official opening of its new Cork office at Core House Link Road, Ballincollig, Cork. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted by Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Collette Finn on 8th November, ushering in a new era of possibilities for the organisation.

The opening was a resounding success, with attendees from the local businesses, volunteers and staff coming together to celebrate this new chapter for Age Action. A volunteer with Getting Started and champion of Age Action’s Care and Repair service Maureen Cullinane gave a touching testimony about the importance of Age Action for older people, saying “every time we can’t get an answer on the phone, every time we get a bot on the internet, every time we want to go somewhere and we have a problem with mobility, we remember that there is a group that will support us. Thank you, Age Action”.

Furthermore, the new office – in the centre of Ballincollig - will serve as a hub for various programmes and events aimed at empowering older people, combating digital exclusion, and promoting lifelong learning. With facilities like the Getting Started- digital skills training and the Care and Repair programme, Age Action continues to bridge the digital divide and provide practical support to older individuals, which it has done in Cork since 2010. Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Collette Finn commented on the importance of Age Action’s programmes and in particular their advocacy work to “explain to politicians this is where to put our ever more demanded resources...to support older people to live well in the community”.

The atmosphere was filled with joy and optimism, with Age Action CEO, Paddy Connolly reflecting the organisation's commitment to creating a more inclusive and age-friendly society. “As Age Action continues to grow and expand its reach, it remains focused on its mission to promote equality and uphold the rights of all individuals as they age. We are excited for the journey ahead and invite you all to join us”. The organisation believes that everyone, regardless of age, deserves to live a fulfilling and dignified life.

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