## The epidemic of loneliness is rapidly spreading across Canada, particularly affecting older adults and vulnerable populations.

More than a third of older Canadians feel lonely at least some of the time and the harms of loneliness to health and well-being are becoming increasingly evident.

While other regions of the world have started to take action to address loneliness in meaningful ways, in Canada, we are falling behind.

**Women's Age Lab's Intersectoral Collaboration** for Loneliness outlines four key recommendations for action that can change this. These recommendations are based on expert opinion from representatives of more than a dozen institutions at the national, provincial, and regional levels working to address loneliness in Canada in a variety of sectors.

Build a national strategy to promote social connections



**Champion the importance of connection** through a public awareness campaign

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION to address loneliness in Canada

Measure loneliness and deepen knowledge through research



Expand strategies and increase investments in social infrastructure and interventions

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