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Meet Feli Martinez, Open Age Member & Volunteer

Open Age caught up with Feli over 80 years after she arrived in the UK as a child refugee of the Spanish Civil War. Feli was one of 4000 children that arrived in the UK by ship, leaving behind their parents in Spain. Thankfully she was accompanied by her two brothers.

Feli discovered Open Age in the early 90's, not long after the Charity was established (1993). She became a member and was soon joined by her husband Cai and her brother-in-law. It was a family affair.

Outings and socialising in discussion groups were the activities Feli enjoyed most. The Open Age community provided her and her husband with an extended family and a sense of belonging. It therefore wasn't long before she put her hand up as a volunteer and has been with Open Age ever since. Feli is our longest serving volunteer at just shy of three decades! She is a vital member of the Office Team and had been working on managing entries into our databases amongst other things before the crisis started.

Since her retirement, Open Age has been an almost daily part of Feli's life. Her late husband Cai used to be an Art Tutor at Open Age until he sadly passed away. The sense of family she feels whilst at Open Age has helped her manage her sense of loss and find companionship.

Feli desperately misses Open Age during the Corona Crisis. Whilst she manages to join Open Age Phone Groups twice a week, she is desperate to get her broadband installed so she can participate in the virtual activities (Zoom) AND continue volunteering remotely for Open Age. She says she is bored!

Open Age celebrates Feli this week and always for her commitment. At nearly 90, she maintains her health and wellbeing by participating and supporting her community. Feli has no plans to "retire" and can't wait to get back to the Open Age Centre! Feli, please stay home for now, and see you soon.

Feli, on behalf of Open Age Members & Staff

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