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Know your benefit rights

The Mayor of London's office has teamed up with Age UK London to urge pensioners not to miss out on benefits.

The Know Your Rights Campaign aims to encourage people to check if they are eligible to claim pension credit, which enables people to get additional help with fuel bills, council tax and health care.

The campaign follows the

release of figures from the Department for Work and Pensions showing one in five pensioners (200,000) are living in poverty in London.

About 174,000 are unaware of the benefits they should be receiving, which amounts to £35 a week or £1,800 a year.

Contact Age UK Sutton on 020 8770 4090 or freephone 0800 1696565 if you would like more information.