



## **Sub Regional Report**

**December 2014**

### **West Yorkshire - Leeds**

- Several open meetings have been held over the last few weeks to maintain communications with our wider partnership on "Time to Shine", the LOPF project to address social isolation across the City. More such events are planned. Our project delivery plan is due with the Big Lottery by 22nd December.
- Leeds hosted an Urban Ageing Consortium Conference on 30th October. Over 120 delegates from across the country heard a number of speakers discuss the economic contribution of older people to the UK economy.
- LOPF continues its positive dialogue with key officers of LCC about the developing City Wide Housing Strategy and the need to clearly address the housing needs and aspirations of its older citizens. I recently gave a presentation to the AAA Warm, Safe Homes Working a group about the way in which we seek to influence the council.
- The next Leeds Equalities Conference is being held on 27th November when I will be feeding in on the work of the Age Hub over the past 12months.

### **West Yorkshire Region – Kirklees**

#### **Kirklees Older Peoples Network - KOP**

The second full KOP event Active Autumn took place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at The Mission, Lord Street Huddersfield.

The day started with the KOP Annual General Meeting and the event included workshops with Wiltshire Farm Foods, Locala Community Health and Flower Arranging. There were information stalls from Mencap's Safer Places Scheme, Mears Home Improvements and Hoot Creative Arts. U3A Huddersfield gave a presentation and during the day there was a chance for older people to undergo a Fitness MOT session

#### **Huddersfield & District Pensioners Organisation - HDPO**

The merger is now complete and membership continues to grow at each meeting which takes place at Huddersfield Town Hall on the third Thursday of each month. It was decided that it was time to change the name to reflect the fact that it was a forum for all people 50+ so the new name of **Huddersfield over 50's Forum – HOFF** will be used in future.

### Diary Dates

**19<sup>th</sup> November** – HOFF, Huddersfield Town Hall– 1pm to 3pm

Jill Whitham - Flower Arranging Workshop – festive wreaths & table decorations from the woods.

**December** – 50+ Forum – Dewsbury Library – 10am to 1pm

Details to be confirmed

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2015** - HOFF, Huddersfield Town Hall– 1pm to 3pm

Clive Barwell – Personal Finances Q&A

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2015** – KOP New Year Luncheon Party – Batley Old Peoples Centre

**Richard Palmer – West Yorkshire Regional Rep – November 2014**

### York

1. The 50+ Festival ran recently from 27th Sept to 5th October with 130 events involving around 5000 people - this is a huge undertaking and is in it's 10th year. The Annual Information Fair was held on 10 Sept - the event has outgrown the original venue - the Guildhall in York - and this year 3 other venues were also used. 44 organisations were involved this year.
2. The York Older People's Assembly (YOPA) also held what we call a "Local Information Fair" in Heworth where there are a significant number of residents 65+. Ten stallholders were present. Over 100 people came and 50 slipper exchanges were dealt with by Age UK.
3. In Sept the YOPA Open meeting covered two subjects - firstly a local Solicitor spoke about Wills, Probate and Powers of Attorney followed by someone from City of York Council talking about fraud perpetrated against older people including "doorstep" fraud.
4. Finally it looks like we are making some progress in a hospital appointment letter or card been accepted with a bus pass for travel to hospital prior to 9 am.