



## **Regional Activity Report**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

### **South Yorkshire**

#### **Doncaster**

##### **Doncaster 50Plus**

11<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Carol Service at the Mansion House, 2 local primary schools and musicians from a local secondary school joined 70 members of 50plus.

19<sup>th</sup> December 2013, members meeting of 50plus, chaired by Joyce Parrott, talk given by Doncaster Samaritans, on their history nationally and locally. General meeting focused on the annexe, sub-group to be set up and chaired by Eric Stowel.

16<sup>th</sup> January 2014, Parliament meeting, chaired by Bill Morrison, talk given by Martin Walker, Building the road to independence. Bill Morrison suggested we follow this subject at a later meeting. After a break. Report of the volunteers meeting for the annex given. Brian Cox asked if Doncaster 50plus would consider joining UK Advisory Forum on Ageing, this to be considered. Christine Spencer acting secretary as Marion Baxter been involved in a accident, announced the Life-wise Event March 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Hellaby.

20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 Guest Speaker Tom McKnight – Dementia Awareness

#### **Donmags**

No meeting December 2013

8<sup>th</sup> January 2014, lunch attended by 40 members at the Regent Hotel, Doncaster, the local Doncaster Free press came to take photograph it was in the following Thursdays paper.

21<sup>st</sup> January 2014, meeting at Doncaster Library, everyone welcomed by Betty Armstrong chair.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> Yorkshire and Humberside Pensioners Quarterly meeting anyone who wishes to attend may catch the 9.23a.m. Train from Doncaster. The speaker will be Sue Mann Age UK.

March 10 Life-Wise centre Hellaby, there will be free transport provided for the visit stand C1 at the interchange.

March 14<sup>th</sup> Sprotborough Dementia Awareness meeting.

March 26<sup>th</sup> Energy Saving week

N.P.C. Dignity code handed out.

Changes to bus timetables

Speakers for meeting Bill Morrison and Peter Dawson 50plus changing, outline of the function of 50plus, membership forms handed out. Talk about the Annexe meeting room.

18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 Speaker from Life-Wise Centre.

## **West Yorkshire**

### **Leeds Older People's Forum:**

- We continue to work flat out on developing our vision and strategy for identifying and addressing loneliness and social isolation across Leeds submission to the Big Lottery Fund
- We have just submitted an outline grant application for a Neighbourhood Network Coordinator ( there are 37 NNSs across the City and LOPF work closely with them)
- Just held the Annual NNS Conference
- Had a series of meetings with Cllrs and Key Officers from the Council covering older people's housing. We are keen to work with them on the development of a housing strategy that goes beyond social housing.
- Also seeking funding for further intergenerational work.

### **Age UK Calderdale & Kirklees**

- We are having people reassessed by LA re. day care who are then not being funded for as many days as before
- We are promoting winter warmth with home check visits and providing simple things like draft excluders , encouraging people to review their fuel bills.
- We held a Kirklees Older peoples network event 25<sup>th</sup> January for people to enjoy a meal, entertainment and friendship as well as being given winter warmth and energy info.

## **East Riding**

### **Hull**

- Housing fit for the needs of older people . ie Extra Care and Pickering & Ferens Housing Association.
- Social Activities. Age UK & a number of local community groups are responding.
- Social Isolation. Local initiative identifying those in need and responding. Age UK has also set up a befriending service.

## **North Yorkshire & York**

### **York**

1. On 3rd February 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire came to talk at one of the York Older People's Assembly's Open Meetings - an excellent meeting - lots of topics covered and many questions from the audience.
2. With the Notice of Meeting sent out to all members concerning 1 above we included a return addressed card from the Fire Service concerning fire risk assessment visits and the fitting of smoke alarms. The idea came from the talk at the last Future Years meeting. I have already had some positive feedback from some people who followed this up. This is such a simple thing to do that has the potential to make many older people safer.
3. Dignity Action Day - Sat 1 Feb was recognised in York - did get some good publicity - we need to think through how we can build on this.
4. City of York Council is currently consulting on "A Boards" - what should be allowed - what should not be allowed - if there is any experience in the room on this subject do tell me.

### **York Carers Forum**

- Working on END of LIFE. Planning event for May 2014 called YOU ONLY DIE ONCE.
- Looking at work in the community as some carers are isolated in rural areas.
- On going meetings with CCG