

July 2020 Newsheet for Dementia Friendly Community Leads across the Vale

This newsheet has been created to support you in your local Dementia Friendly Community work, and provide you with information about the activities and developments of the Dementia Friendly Communities UK-wide network.

Approaching local businesses and organisations

A flyer has been produced to raise awareness of the business pledge scheme in the local community during Lockdown.

Please email me at Ingrid.patterson@mariecurie.org.uk if you would like a copy of the resource (below) to adapt for use in your own community, as Lockdown restrictions ease across Wales.

‘How can I help my customers and staff who are affected by dementia, particularly now?’



Have you been wondering something similar?

Marie Curie is supporting businesses across the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff to become dementia friendly, as part of the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative created by Alzheimer’s Society.

You will be provided with resources to decide on some simple, cost-effective changes you can make to your business. These could include your premises or your processes... or even accessing some free online awareness raising for your people.

Making these changes will give you the opportunity to promote yourselves as ‘Working to become Dementia Friendly’. This means people in the local community affected by dementia can use your services - with confidence – and you can be confident you are helping to make a difference.

To find out more, please email ingrid.patterson@mariecurie.org.uk

Bro Radio opportunity



Bro Radio has presented us with a new and exciting opportunity to promote the work of Dementia Friendly Communities across the Vale. We have been offered a 5 – 10 minute interview slot once a week, for 4 weeks.

If you are interested in finding out how you can take part, please email me by next Wednesday 8th July at: Ingrid.patterson@mariecurie.org.uk

Carer's Gateway



The Cardiff and Vale Carers Gateway was launched earlier in the year and provides information and support to unpaid carers in the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff.

If you would like more information about how the Gateway can help those caring for a person with dementia, you can use the link [here](#).

'Virtual' Dementia Friends information sessions



If you would like to learn how to deliver Dementia Friends online to reach more people in your community during Lockdown, you can book on to a workshop using the link here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ND7PG/>

Toolkit for Covid-19 volunteers



A toolkit has been designed to raise awareness about the needs of people with dementia and their carers during Covid-19. If you would like to circulate this to your community contacts, you can use the link here:

www.alzheimers.org.uk/coronavirus-volunteer-toolkit

Scams Postcard



This is a resource to help protect people with dementia from scams during Covid-19. If you would like to make use of this, you can use the link here:

https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-04/Dementia-friendly-postcard_Scams-April2020.pdf

Other useful resources



If you would like additional activity ideas for people affected by dementia who are home-based due to Lockdown restrictions, you can use the link here:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/coronavirus-activity-ideas-people-living-dementia>



The Vale 50+ Strategy Forum has developed its first online monthly bulletin for the 50+ in the Vale. You can [read more](#) if you would like information about the services and activities that are currently available.

Please email me at Ingrid.patterson@mariecurie.org.uk if you would like support to connect with more local businesses and organisations in your area. I would also love to hear your ideas about ways I can help you to continue to work together as part of a Vale-wide network, for the benefit of people affected by dementia.