

Kent Dementia Action Alliance

Active Kent and Medway

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Kent Dementia Action Alliance

- Voluntary organisation
- Consists of
 - Chairs of 13 local DFCs
 - KCC representation
 - NHS representation
 - ADSS and Age UK -NHS/KCC contractors for dementia services
 - Other interested parties
- Aims to help PLWD live their best possible lives



Kent Dementia Action Alliance

- Activities
 - Contribute to Kent Dementia Strategy
 - Identify and share good practice
 - Identify and seek to fill gaps in support but
 - Support the Working to Become Dementia Friendly Scheme
 - Organise the annual Dementia Showcase event and awards



Living Well with Dementia

- Monday 21st October, Valley Park School Maidstone from 10 -4 pm
- Great opportunity to network, meet professionals, get advice
- Exhibitions, talks
- Afternoon is the Kent Dementia Friendly Awards ceremony



Working to Become Dementia Friendly

- Scheme to encourage organisations to make life easier for PLWD
- PLWD and their carers have said how important it is
- Dementia poses significant changes, especially to maintaining a normal life style for as long as possible.
- WTBDF organisations help and make a difference



Working to Become Dementia Friendly

- Everyone here has a part to play
- WTBDF is easy – 5 pledges
 - Leaders to read the guidance on WTBDF
 - Front line staff trained to be dementia friends – 45 minutes free training
 - Your organisations supports your local DFC – attend 2 meetings per year?
 - Your organisation commits to two other actions
 - Use appropriate language, support a DFC activity, improve signage
- Being dementia friendly has benefits
 - Use logo
 - Attractive to other groups



Dementia Friendly Communities

- Voluntary – structures and activities determined locally
- Normally meet quarterly
- 2 or 3 are strongly supported by their local council, for others??
- Try to engage with all people/organisations supporting PLWD
- Activities cover creating/supporting
 - Dementia cafes and cinemas, support groups, cognitive stimulation
 - Singing and creative arts activities
 - Mapping of available support
 - Meet the expert event
 - Training of carers, volunteers and care staff
 - Business breakfasts
 - WTBDF
 - Fundraising – dementia walks



Dementia Friendly Communities

Need your support

<https://www.kentdaa.org/contact-8>

[**https://kent.connecttosupport.org/community-director-services/dementia-friendly-communities/**](https://kent.connecttosupport.org/community-director-services/dementia-friendly-communities/)

