



Notes from:
Dronfield 2gether Champions Meeting
Thursday 11 January 2018, 10.00am-12 noon
Dronfield Library Meeting Room

Present:

Helena Reynolds, Jackie Boon, Kathleen Kilgarriff, Samantha Ibrahim, Jill Bethel, Andy Aram, Sue Sanford, Nigel Hudson, Susan Monks, Jane Wells, Lauren Curry, Nicola Wood, Paul Waddingham, Nicola Thomson, Deborah Cookson, Paul Waddingham, Andy Gore and Caroline Depner.

In Attendance:

Shelley Hinson and Jacqui Willis

Apologies: Julia Cook

1. Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief explanation of the role and values of Dronfield 2gether for those who were first time attendees.
The group did a round robin of introductions.
Spencers Solicitors, as an organisation, is working towards becoming Dementia Friendly.
2. The group then welcomed Helena Reynolds from the Arts Partnership, a non-constituted group of organisations with an arts remit within their purpose and role.
The Arts partnership is keen on collaborative working between organisations and artists across Derbyshire and is closely supported by Derbyshire County Council (Ann Wright is head of Arts Derbyshire). Helena specialises in working within the arts and health.

Art therapy is known to slow down progression of dementia. The creative side of mind is the last thing to be lost with dementia. Dementia friendly Matinée film showings are the latest big project of the Arts Partnership. Matinéés do not provide any personal care or supervision but are inclusive and offer a sociable and friendly atmosphere for family, friends and carers to do something together. Initially, a pilot project in a handful of places, it secured three years of Paul Hamlyn Foundation funding, with match funding from Public Health Derbyshire. The project now has the ability to deliver Dementia Friendly Matinéés across Derbyshire and aims to host 120 screenings across the life of the project. It also works with care homes and family members to bring people out of the care home for the afternoon.

In the first year there have been 21 showings of 15 different films in 9 venues, with 564 people attending the showings, of which 324 are living with dementia. There were 243 volunteer hours, supported by the Alzheimer's Society.

Paul Hamlyn likes its funded projects to share learning. Learning from the project will be shared both regionally and nationally. As a direct result of this project, the Northern Lights Cinema in Wirksworth regularly shows dementia friendly screenings.

Considerations given to specifics enabling a screening to be dementia friendly include: a carefully chosen venue with disabled access and appropriate flooring, lighting, sound levels and signage. The interval is used for information sharing, networking and a competition. The project can offer support with transport costs, using Community Transport.

Each geographical area chosen in the county will have 4 films per year. The first showing in Dronfield will be in mid-January at the Civic Centre, Dronfield.

Help with promotion and leaflet distribution is always highly valued. Leaflets can be delivered directly to a D2G Champion, a work place or venue. Please contact the Matinée Project Co-ordinator Francis Watt on 07449732322 for more info or leaflets.

Shelley will take leaflets to local care homes.

Helena and Francis work 2 days per week.

Sue Piredda has sent a request to D2G Champions for help to give out 5 ways to Wellbeing leaflets at a Dronfield Town football match on Saturday 3rd February. Shelley will confirm details.

3. Next on the agenda was Lauren Curry from the Alzheimer's Society who came to talk to the group about Dementia Friendly Communities, a project commissioned using Prime Ministers Challenge Fund funding.

There are currently 300 people diagnosed with Dementia in Dronfield however, it's thought there are around 500 people living with the condition.

Although it's typically thought that it's only older people that are affected, we now know that it's not age related. People as young as 20 being diagnosed, Lauren told the group of a 16 year old boy who has recently been diagnosed. That said we are in a much better place and the condition is more understood than 3 years ago. A great local example is the work already done by D2G Champions and more recently by Spencers Solicitors.

Lauren spoke about local opportunities to support Dronfield becoming a Dementia Friendly community. Local people can attend Dementia Friends sessions or become a Dementia Champion and help deliver training in the Dronfield community.

Sometime between 21 – 27 May the Alzheimer's Society will hold a dementia event.

Lauren also told us that the Safe Place initiative's remit has been widened to include vulnerable people.

The group discussed the value of working with local children who will be carers of the future.

Lauren asked for champions to support Dronfield being a Dementia Friendly Community and introduced 2 cards to be used as promotional materials.

It was noted that Victoria from Cliffe Café has asked to run a dementia awareness course.

4. Nigel Hudson spoke to the group about Clowne Enterprise, describing the organisation's remit to help people 25 plus, not in work, who would like to start their own business. Funded by big lottery and Euro funding, there isn't a formal process for the support given, its person centred to needs of the individual. Both Nigel and his partner Paul have experience in running their own successful businesses.

The current programme is running until October 2018, after which Clowne Enterprise is hoping to voluntarily to carry on their work supporting the growth of local businesses.

For more info contact: Nigel on 07989 251333, email nigel@clowne-enterprise.org.uk or Paul on 07972 522772, email paul@clowne-enterprise.org.uk

Sue Sanford told us about GuruYou – children in growth process. She explained how it had been set up by Rebecca Manders to offer coaching for year 6 students taking SATS and in transition from primary to secondary education. The program teaches confidence building and support to not be scared of change. GuruYou is looking to work with local schools.

Fanshawe – funding may be prohibitive and certainly would be for smaller schools but Fanshawe could help by working with other local schools.

Sue also spoke about spreading the confidence message to a wider group of young people outside of the school environment e.g. scouts or guide groups. Sue suggested she could personally deliver bespoke workshops to local voluntary groups.

5. Derbyshire Victim Services project 'Got your Back' works with children who have been victims of crime and bullying. It's funded by Police Crime Commissioner and the service is about giving people a helping hand to navigate the criminal justice system and provide emotional support. The service works in partnerships with other organisations to support the person. It also helps with criminal injuries compensation claims.

The contact for the Dronfield area is Martin Ellis. Young people can self-refer on Freephone number: 0800612 6505 or visit www.gotyourback.tv

There is also a team of people working on Anti-Social Behaviour based at Ripley Police Headquarters.

6. Lastly on the agenda was Nicola from Derbyshire Young Carers in Schools. Nicola told us the project, funded by the NE Derbyshire Partnership until April 2019, is working in Henry Fanshawe, Tupton and Eckington schools to provide emotional support for young carers. The project works within the school and outside school hours through specific events. Nicola described the warning signs to look for to identifying pupils who are carers that may need support.

Nicola distributed leaflets and posters about the project.

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Potential for Christmas tree exhibition in Dronfield for Christmas 2018.

The next meeting of the local business network is on 19th February, 10am at the Jolly Farmer pub in Dronfield.

Susan Monks told the group about 'Time to Chat'; a new weekly social group run by Chesterfield Timebank and supported by the Dronfield WI. The social group will meet every Thursday morning (starting on 18th January), from 9.30-12.00 at the Tea Room in Dronfield's Cliffe Park. Everyone is welcome - male or female, any age.

Jacqui gave a brief description of a new Derbyshire voluntary Action initiative – A Social Movement in Cancer Prevention and Awareness and asked for an agenda item at the next D2G meeting.

Next D2G meeting: 22 March 2018, Dronfield Library