It's our third anniversary!

Three years ago, we launched the Young Dementia Network with a vision to reach people across the UK who are living with, affected by or working in the field of young onset dementia.

The Network currently has over 2570 members, many of whom are actively involved in developing our resources, attending events across the country, participating in research and contributing views to improve services.

Your support has enabled us to create a number of useful young onset dementia resources including our brand new Personal Checklist, we have hosted two research-based events, spoken at nearly 20 events and have linked hundreds of professionals so they can share good practice.

We will continue to work hard for our members, sharing your stories and keeping you up to date with the latest young onset dementia news and information.

Look out in the coming months for our young onset dementia guidance for support workers and dementia advisors and ID cards for people affected by the condition.

Best wishes

Donna
National Development Manager

Thank you for your feedback

Last month we asked for feedback on a new resource that will provide guidance for support workers about how to support individuals affected by young onset dementia.

A number of you responded and the guidance will be available in the Young Dementia Network newsletter in the coming months.
Network members
Dr Andrea Mayrhofer and
Dr Nan Greenwood need
your help

Andrea and Nan have prepared an online survey to find out more about the financial impact a diagnosis of young onset dementia can have on individuals and their families, what this might mean and which support options they might suggest.

The survey is now live and can be accessed here. It will be open for three months from 1 August 2019 until the end of October 2019.

Would you like to take part in a trek across the Sahara?

We would like to invite Network members to join our Sahara trek to help YoungDementia UK fund initiatives like the Young Dementia Network.

Some of the money raised will go towards the young onset dementia resources and events that the Network produce, which helps to keep them free for our members. For more information click here.

Tickets on sale for Young Dementia 2019

The Journal of Dementia Care is delighted to announce that their Young Dementia Annual Conference is returning on 20 November 2019 at St Giles Hotel, London.

In association with the Division of Psychiatry, University College London, the theme will be ‘Towards equity and excellence in clinical support’. This one-day conference is an essential update for clinical staff, researchers and all those interested in young onset dementia.

The Young Dementia Network will be present, along with many Network members.

You can find more information here.
Help needed developing questionnaire measuring healthcare professionals understanding of LGBT+ issues

Network members Dr Anna Buckell and Dr Beth Jones have created a questionnaire but want your opinion on it before it goes out to professionals.

They are interested in finding out about the knowledge health professionals have of sexual orientation and gender identity and their awareness of challenges that these populations may face when accessing dementia or mental health services. The aim is for this to form the basis of training for staff.

The questionnaire is a draft version of one that will be sent out to staff working in dementia services and older adult mental health services in the first instance. They would really welcome comments on this, from people with dementia of all ages, people who support someone with dementia and professionals. They are particularly interested to hear from people who are LGBT+ and from younger people with dementia.

You can view the draft questionnaire here and you can request a feedback form from anna.buckell@ntu.ac.uk.

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YoungDementia UK is recruiting three new trustees

YoungDementia UK is the only national charity dedicated to supporting people living with young onset dementia (under 65 years) and their partners and families. The charities goal is that by 2022 everyone affected by young onset dementia has access to specialist support to adapt and live life.

At an important and interesting time in the development of YoungDementia UK, the charity is looking for three motivated people to join the Board as trustees.

You can find out more information on the trustee roles here or email Alison Kenny alisonkenny@youngdementiauk.org for an information pack or to arrange an initial conversation.

The Young Dementia Network is an initiative of YoungDementia UK.