

This is an email from the Young Dementia Network sharing Network related news and information.



Celebrating our 1st anniversary



It has been a busy 12 months for the Young Dementia Network and as we approach our first anniversary at the end of September we are delighted to announce the Network has 938 members.

In the past year we have -

Successfully launched the Network, created a diagnostic guide for GPs, influenced the Memory Service National Accreditation Programme leading to the adoption of new national standards around young onset, created a care pathway for young onset dementia and connected members so they are able to share experience and good practice.

Our future plans include -

Webinars and events, a new young onset research area on our website and we'll be creating information for the general public to go into GP surgeries and memory clinics so we have a busy and exciting time ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Donna
National Development Manager



The Angela Project - young onset research project

The Angela Project is a research project that aims to improve diagnosis and post-diagnostic support for people with young onset dementia.

If you live with a diagnosis received before the age of 65, or are related to, or supporting someone with a young onset diagnosis and are interested in finding out more, please click [here](#) for more information.

Keith represents people living with dementia at the United Nations in Geneva

Earlier this year the Alzheimer's Society and DEEP / the Dementia Policy Think Tank produced two 'shadow' reports that were submitted to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in response to a United Nations investigation of the UK government.



Young Dementia Network steering group member, Keith Oliver who is living with young onset Alzheimer's disease, travelled to Geneva on 21 August to represent people affected by dementia at the United Nations. He had only three minutes to deliver his speech, but told us, 'Although the sense of responsibility was extremely challenging, with the support of Philly Hare from DEEP and Rosemary, my wife, I felt able to encourage the UN to be as positive as possible in including the human rights of people with dementia in their report to the UK government.'

To read the Dementia Policy Think Tank's report click [here](#) or for the Alzheimer's Society report please visit their website [here](#). We understand the UN will issue a full response at the end of September.

Residential Dementia Carer Support Programmes

Are you a family member supporting someone with dementia? Would you benefit from taking a break to learn more about dementia and develop your caring skills?

If that sounds interesting, then RSAS would like to talk to you!

RSAS is looking for family members who fulfil a care role to a relative living with dementia to take part in a new three-day residential support programme. Sessions are being held in hotel venues in Birmingham, Solihull and Wiltshire.

For more information please visit their website [here](#).



Dementia & Seldom Heard Groups

The DAA will be launching their Dementia and Seldom Heard Groups campaign on the 19 September at an event in London.

The campaign features groups including people with young onset dementia, who often face challenges and unmet needs. To find out more please visit the DAA website [here](#). Please note this event is for DAA members only.

Cuts to Personal Independent Payments (PIP) for people living with dementia

Recently there has been a lot of media coverage about people living with dementia having their PIP benefits cut following reassessment. A number of our Network members have been personally affected.

Along with other organisations, YoungDementia UK has released a statement, calling for the government to review the assessment process so that people with dementia are not penalised for living well with the condition.

Please find a link to the YoungDementia UK statement [here](#).

Enjoy travelling? Zipabout would like your help!

Zipabout is building an app to help people living with dementia to travel with less anxiety.



They are asking anybody who would like to be a part of the design process to get in touch.

For more information please click [here](#)



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