This is an email from YoungDementia UK sharing information about young onset dementia.

Keith Oliver - Dear Alzheimer's book giveaway

Keith Oliver was diagnosed with young onset dementia aged 55 in 2010 and has since become a leading activist for dementia care and an international speaker.

Keith has written a book, published today, which tells his story through a diary format and gives insight into what day-to-day life with dementia is like, and how he continues to live a full life after diagnosis.

We have three copies of Keith's book to giveaway. If you would like to enter our free draw, please email us including your home address by 10 May. We'll notify the lucky winners week commencing 13 May. Alternatively, you can purchase Keith's book here.

Keith will be talking about his book at an event on Friday 17 May at Waterstones in Canterbury, Kent. Find out more here.

Adapt films - providing support for people newly diagnosed

YoungDementia UK is launching three films to help educate and inform people about young onset dementia. We hope our Adapt films will be of particular use and interest to people who have been newly diagnosed and those who support them.

The first three films in the collection feature people affected by the condition discussing - Being a parent, Employment and keeping active and Who and how to tell. You can watch the films here.
The films were funded by DEEP and the Shanly Foundation and are available for use by anyone who would like to share them, particularly at training courses, events and conferences. You can download the films from our YouTube channel. We would love to know if you plan to use them online or at an event and would be grateful if you could credit YoungDementia UK. Versions with subtitles are coming soon!

We would appreciate your feedback and ideas for new topics we could focus on in future films - please email katefallows@youngdementiauk.org

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**Connie's Colander tour & speaker request**

Connie’s Colander is a play about Connie, who starts to experience signs of Alzheimer’s disease at the age of 63 and her daughter Emily. Human Story Theatre is taking the play on a 36-date national tour of libraries from 9 May to 27 June 2019.

An important feature of their performances is the accompanying Q&A after each show which features local experts from relevant organisations and people with lived experience of dementia.

Human Story Theatre is looking for speakers to take part in their post-show Q&As. If you are interested in finding out more, click here or email Gaye Poole gaye@humanstorytheatre.com

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**Elaine and Steve's story**

Steve was diagnosed with behavioural-variant frontotemporal dementia ten years ago. His wife Elaine wrote a piece for our website about their experience in 2014, at which point he had been living with the condition for around five years.

Five years on, Elaine has written a further update to their story, which shares how Steve’s dementia has progressed over time.

You can read their story here.
Are you a member of the Young Dementia Network?

The Young Dementia Network is a collaboration initiated by YoungDementia UK, made up of people, professionals and organisations who have lived experience of, or an interest in, young onset dementia.

Free to join, the Network gives members the opportunity to connect with others to shape resources, services and policy as well as sharing experience and knowledge.

Find out more about the Network [here](#) or click [here](#) to join. You can also follow the Network on Twitter [@YoungDemNetwork](#).

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News in brief - young onset groups, petition, survey & events

**Walking for Wellness** offer activities and support to people affected by young onset dementia in the Stockport and south Manchester area. Activities include walks in the countryside and take place Monday to Friday. For more information, click [here](#) or contact Ian Dobbin via email walk04wellness@gmail.com

Lucy Mccormack has launched a petition calling for dementia to be seen as a terminal illness so that people aged under 65 are instantly eligible for Personal Independence Payments (PIP). You can show your support for her campaign by signing her petition [here](#).

There is a **Young Onset Dementia Workshop for dementia care professionals** taking place at Wigan Town Hall on **Tuesday 7 May**, 9.30am-1.00pm. You will be able to find out more about young onset services in the north west and help to shape support. For more information, click [here](#).

There is a **Lewy Body Support Group** taking place on **Tuesday 28 May** 2019 at the Wellcome Trust, Gibbs Building, Euston Road, London between 10:30am to 2:00pm. For more information click [here](#) or contact Claire Waddington c.waddington@ucl.ac.uk

On **Saturday 8 June**, there is a **Young Onset Dementia Workshop for people living with dementia** and their families taking place between 10.00am-2.00pm at the St James Centre, Wigan. Find out more and book your place at this free event [here](#).

**Alzheimer's Disease International** (ADI) has commissioned the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) to create the **world's largest survey on people's attitudes around dementia**. ADI's survey is fully anonymous, accessible and available both online and offline in multiple languages. The survey will only take around 10 minutes of your time. Find out more or take part [here](#).
If you would like us to share details of a new young onset dementia related group, service or event, or anything of interest to the young onset community, please email katefallows@youngdementiauk.org

Dementia 2020 Citizens Panel - 3rd phase questionnaire

Opinion Research Services (ORS), has been commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care to engage with people with a diagnosis of dementia and/or their family members and carers. This is to enable first hand reports to Ministers and senior management to determine if actions under the 2020 Dementia Implementation Plan are making a difference to people's lives.

They have already completed the first and second phase and some of the results are available on their hub here. The third phase questionnaire is now available asks about the experiences of day-to-day living for the person with dementia, dementia-friendly communities and dementia research. They want to hear from as many people as possible to ensure that they properly reflect the experiences of people with dementia and their families and carers.

You can complete the online survey by visiting https://www.ors.org.uk/surveys/dementia2020/