

TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Social Care Future On-Line Spring Gathering

May 27th 2021 –9.45am - 4.45pm

*What is social
care to you?*

*What should
it be?*

*How can we
build something
better?*

We all want to live in the place we call home with the people and things that we love, in communities where we look out for one another, doing things that matter to us.

That's the social care future we seek. #socialcarefuture

If this vision calls to you, if you don't accept that big change can't happen and if you want to be part of that change, this is for you!

- Big debates
- From vision to action
- Sharing and learning
- Hearing what's important to people

JOINING IN—PAY IF YOU CAN

We don't want money to be a barrier. If you are not in a position to pay just book on free. If you are in a position to pay that's appreciated:

- Regular charge for individuals £50
- Make a donation (organisations) £250 suggested

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TELLING A BETTER STORY, BUILDING THE POWER OF LIVED EXPERIENCE, SHOWING THE SOLUTIONS

Our Spring Gathering will share the key themes emerging from the 'Whose Social Care Future is it Anyway' inquiry and discuss next steps in building our movement and taking action for change. We'll also share the exciting findings and lessons from 12 months of sharing our vision with thousands of members of the public. There will be 'big debates' in some of the key theme areas, with a focus on both short and medium term opportunities and people will share the inspiring activity they are involved in that we can build on.

Here's a list of the sessions and debates:

9.45am — 11.05am - Welcome and all about the Spring Gathering

- Whose Social Care Future is it Anyway?

It's our social care! Our first findings. Hot off the press, be the first to hear early findings of the Whose Care is it Anyway? Inquiry, presented by members of the inquiry group. We have used what we heard from over 500 people, to pull out what the real priorities should be for social care reform. This session will cover the findings and also discuss the next phase of the inquiry.

11.15am—12.15pm - Can “commissioning” support the social care future vision?

There isn't much in the Health and Social Care Bill about social care....one potentially important exception though is the proposal that after many years council commissioning should again be “assured” as part of the work of the regulator CQC. We are holding a debate about whether & how this might offer an opportunity for people who draw on social care to have a stronger chance of positively influencing local commissioning & how better practice might get spread. The panel includes our convenor Anna Severwright and the new ADASS President Stephen Chandler.

11.15am—12.15pm - Beyond Shielding - The Valuable Project

Community Catalysts are pleased to share learning from their recent Valuable Project, delivered in partnership with people who have been shielding through Covid. This roundtable including a panel of Sian Lockwood, Ceri Davies, Chris Clarke and Angela Catley will explore the assets and strengths of people and communities and emerging thinking about society and public services post Covid. Hear from and about people who have been shielding and explore concepts of vulnerability and value. Discuss what could be better and different with like-minded people.

12.15pm— 12.45pm - Open Lunch Cafe

If you would like the chance to catch up and have a chat over lunch

12.45pm—1.45pm - Winning public support to transform social care

Together in the Social Care Future movement we've developed a new narrative for talking about social care that we know can win public hearts and minds. But how are we going to make sure the public hears it? And when they do, what will we invite them to do to support us to win the future we want? This interactive session with Neil Crowther and Clenton Farquharson will explore the potential of building a campaign and movement for change.

12.45pm—1.45pm - Permission, purpose, power

What is the purpose of our communities? Who has the power? What permissions to do things in our communities do we need if any? Last November at the Social Care Future event Cath and Nick from Community Circles and Local Area Coordination started a conversation about what is keeping our communities strong. Follow up sessions have looked further at issues like power, purpose and permission. At this session we will be looking at these topics and sharing ideas about how we can support friendly, inclusive and self-supporting communities. Come join the conversation. All are welcome!

2.00pm—3.00pm - What I want in life is....

Innovations in Dementia believes that people with dementia can and should contribute to social care reform through peer support, research, strategic involvement and sharing of skills. Philly Hare will lead this session, which will look at a more positive vision of social care from the perspective of people with dementia. Through film and audio clips, we will hear many of their voices as we look at initiatives in which their skills and contributions are central – including the DEEP Network, Dementia Enquirers, Dementia Craftivists, Getting Along, Dementia Diaries... and much more.

2.00pm—3.00pm - Getting direct payments back on track

Latest figures show the number of direct payments have fallen. Many are reporting daft bureaucracy and rules. And yet in some places there are signs of real life! People who have direct payments and those that support them worked in recent months with the Dept of Health and Social Care to highlight what is working and not working facilitated by Martin Walker with support from Julie Stansfield and others. TLAP then published a helpful resource based on these conversations. This will explore 1. How can we use this resource to make change? 2. Do we need a national organised voice for those who self-direct their support? Martin and Julie will be joined by folks from Essex and Leicester, sharing their journey to get back on track.

3.15pm—4.15pm - A workforce fit for the future?

What kind of workers, doing what can help make the Social Care Future Vision real? How could it happen? The Whose Social Care Future Is It Anyway Inquiry has identified workforce questions as vital to getting the future we want. Social Care Future are talking with national bodies about the workforce of the future. We are also thinking about how we make common cause with workers struggling to get a fair deal for their work. This panel debate and discussion will inform this thinking. Tricia Pereira from Skills for Care will chair the panel which will include people drawing on social care, those representing workers, and support providers. Join the debate!

3.15pm—4.15pm - Living a good life of contribution and belonging

Learning Disability England members have contributed to the Whose Social Care Future is it Anyway Inquiry. In this session they will share examples from their forthcoming report of the actions they are taking or planning to achieve the vision of a good life lived with friends and family. This includes action on rights, and safety as well as good support.

4.15pm— 4.45pm - Reflections, Actions and Close

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