

Welcome Places Providers Event

South West Sheffield

Wednesday 16th October 2024 Tapton Hall



An Empowering Communities Programme



23 people came together for this morning exploring the world of Welcome Places in South West Sheffield. We all agreed this was a good start; and that it highlighted the work that's needed now.

A lot of new contacts were made, questions asked, ideas shared. What's more, a lot of people couldn't be there.

We want to capture the essence of the morning here, and outline what happens next.

We explored 6 key areas together:

Volunteering: levels have dropped since the pandemic, except for people over 65



Dementia: the complexities of finding support

Funding: how to target work to stand the best chance of success



Community Transport: increasing demand and challenges of provision

Social Media: harnessing its potential for Welcome Places



The Digital Divide: how we can bridge it

A resource for Welcome Places


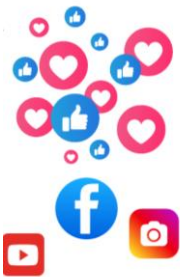

The conversations that took place began the development of a resource.

This will be developed over the winter, and pulled together at a follow-up event in spring 2025.

It will be shared across the Welcome Places network, both on-line and as a printed document.

Here is a first outline.

 <p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</p>	<p>Recruiting, training and supporting volunteers: – who can help, and how?</p>	<p>VAS Volunteer Centre vc@vas.org.uk 0114 253 6649 www.sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk</p>
	<p>Where to start, and how to find support; - What is available for people experiencing dementia, and for their carers and families?</p>	<p>Dementia Advice Sheffield dementiaadvice@ageuksheffield.org.uk 0114 250 2875 www.ageuksheffield.org.uk</p>
	<p>How can we use our precious time effectively, to resource our Welcome Place provision?</p>	<p>South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau karen@syfab.org.uk 07529 323 342 www.syfab.org.uk</p>

	<p>How can we work together to increase transport provision for vulnerable people in South West Sheffield?</p>	<p>Transport 17 admin@transport17.co.uk 0114 236 2962 www.transport17.co.uk</p>
	<p>How can we use social media to get our messages out, and who can help?</p>	<p>Welcome places Facebook</p>
	<p>Bridging the digital divide – how do we build confidence and skills?</p>	<p>Éilis Kinsella eilis.kinsella@ageuksheffield.org.uk 0114 250 2850 www.ageuksheffield.org.uk</p>

Here is the question now for Welcome Place teams:

What else needs looking at?

For example:

- ***Hidden people*** - how to engage people who are not currently attending a Welcome Place in their community, but who could clearly benefit from doing so?
- ***Income maximisation*** – how can Welcome Places support people to claim what they are entitled to, whilst navigating stigma around this issue?

Please get in touch with your ideas and suggestions.

Best wishes,

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