

What's Happening at your Doncaster Local Involvement Network?

Recent / Upcoming Events

LBV TV Community Roadshow

In October LINK members were involved with LBV Television in producing a short film explaining why it's important to become a LINK member. The film was shown for 6 days on a very large screen in the Frenchgate Centre, Doncaster and proved extremely successful, as not only was information given out to members of the public but as a direct result 342 people decided to join Doncaster LINK.

2 Day Strategic Planning Event

In mid September, ICON Events worked with members of the LINK to develop a programme of future events with the aim of increasing our involvement, not only with existing members, but more effectively engaging with people of the borough. As a result we have decided to link each of our monthly coffee mornings with a theme. The theme so far has been based around the 'Elderly'.

The Future of the LINK

Annette Laban (Chief Executive of NHS Doncaster) has been invited to speak to LINK members about forthcoming changes in the NHS and their effect upon the local population. The event is planned for 21st January 2011 at the Doncaster Trades, Frenchgate Centre, Doncaster. This will be followed in February by a 'Public Question Time Event'. It is planned that the panel will consist of a local MP, a representative of our local NHS, a member of a GP Consortium and a member of Doncaster Council.

Castle Park Rugby Club Events

Help give out LINK information at Doncaster Knights' home game matches at Castle Park, Armthorpe, Doncaster, on Saturday 29th January 2011 and Saturday 12th February 2011 and you will receive two free tickets for the match - if interested please contact one of the Host team.

Ongoing / New Work Plans

Dentistry in Highfields

Doncaster LINK is producing a flyer to be delivered to all residents of Highfields giving contact information which will enable them to obtain easier access to dental services. The LINK is also sponsoring a 'Toothbrush Campaign' in Highfields Primary School by providing free toothbrushes and toothpaste to all pupils to help improve their oral hygiene.

Podiatry/Chiropody in Thorne/Moorends

The sub group has been looking at the Podiatry/Chiropody services provided in Thorne/Moorends. As stated in our previous newsletter (Issue 5 September 2010) a professional research company has been commissioned to complete a survey. The sub group are in the final stages of producing the findings and recommendations which will be made available upon completion.

Autism Awareness

The Doncaster LINK Autism Awareness group have asked all GP Surgeries, Dental Surgeries and Admissions Team (Doncaster Royal Infirmary) what policies and procedures are in place relating to patients with autism. In the New Year, when the information has been collated, the group intend to design a clear set of policies and procedures to distribute to all surgeries who have indicated they do not have any policies and procedures currently in place.

Out And About In The Community

Disability Awareness Day 25th September 2010

The third 'Disability Awareness Day' sponsored by Doncaster LINK, was opened by Ben Parkinson a British serviceman severely injured in a landmine explosion in Afghanistan in December 2007. A guest appearance was made by David Blunkitt MP for Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough. The event not only gave the general public the opportunity to find out more about services and organisations supporting disabled people but was also a fun day out for all the family. The event included dancing demonstrations, magic, face painting and balloon sculpturing and proved to be a great success, with the LINK recruiting 14 new members.



LINK Member Kay Kirk and David Blunkitt MP

Coffee Morning - The Goldsmith Centre - 28th September 2010

The coffee morning was attended by a number of residents of Sprotbrough. A speaker from the Pharmacy Needs Assessment Team gave an informal chat and attendees were invited to complete a survey collating their views and comments in relation to future service provision.

Coffee Morning - Deaf Centre - 2nd November 2010

The coffee morning was a great success with existing and new members being brought up to speed with the LINK's activities to date.

Coffee Morning Salvation Army - 9th November 2010

The LINK held its first themed coffee morning based around the elderly. Vicki Ferres, Chief Executive of Age UK Doncaster gave a presentation containing information relating to current issues affecting the elderly. New members were recruited and a good morning was had by all who attended the event.

Cardiac Network Information Event 'It Will Never Happen To Me' - Deaf Centre - 12th November 2010

Doncaster LINK was pleased to sponsor this event organised by Kath Cope of North Trent Network of Cardiac Care at the Eastfield Restaurant, Doncaster Deaf Centre. The purpose of the event was to inform people about aspects of vascular conditions and about prevention, treatment and available services. Attendance was approximately 100 and excellent presentations were given by Michelle Barrett (Arrhythmia Nurse Specialist, Mr Pilly (Consultant Vascular Surgeon and Jacqui and Emma from Yorkshire Ambulance Service. There were many information stands in the excellent venue, all of which resulted in a highly successful event which was evident from the positive evaluations.

Information Communication and Engagement Group

The ICE Group plays an important part in the LINK and is the driving force for all events throughout the borough. The group raises awareness of the role LINK plays in the community and gives the general public the opportunity to air their concerns and views about health and social care. The group hold regular coffee mornings and information events and was part of the six day Community Roadshow Event held in October 2010 at the Frenchgate Centre, Doncaster. At this event 342 new members joined the LINK giving positive feedback about the LINK and its work. If you feel passionate about health and social care become a member and be one of the voices which could contribute to making a real difference in the community. Please view our website to be kept up to date with important events planned for 2011.

Special thanks to all ICE Group members who have been very active in 2010.

SINE FM / LINK Advertising

Don't forget to listen to our monthly chat on SINE FM. If you are interested in becoming one of the team speaking about what Doncaster LINK is doing then contact the Host team. Have you spotted our adverts at Doncaster and Mexborough Railway Stations, Robin Hood Sheffield Doncaster Airport and Castle Park Stadium, Armthorpe, Doncaster?

Doncaster LINK - Become a Member

Doncaster LINK welcomes all new members, to join contact the Host team by one of the following:

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