

A Dementia-Friendly Guide for community groups and organisations

What would a dementia-friendly community look like? In November 2014, Sue Sayers from The Trust for Developing Communities (TDC) talked to the Sussex Interpreting Service's (SIS) bilingual advocates about TDC's **Dementia-Friendly Guide for community groups and organisations** at the Jubilee Library. We are hoping to reach as many communities as possible by talking about the Guide, so that people can involve people with dementia in their communities.



The Guide was developed by talking to people with dementia and memory loss and their carers and organisations. We asked them "What would a dementia-friendly community look like?" Based on their ideas, we worked with community groups to develop a draft toolkit which they piloted. We used their recommendations and case studies in the Guide. The project was funded by Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group.

The session with the bilingual advocates included key topics from the Guide:

- What is dementia?
- Attitudes and awareness
- Putting people with dementia first
- How can we communicate well?
- Information and signposting



Arran Evans, SIS Director said: "It was very useful to share experiences of working with people living with dementia and to have the Guide and TDC to support us."

Please take a look at our guide on our website:
<http://bit.ly/15BQTME>

or please contact Sue Sayers for a copy on suesayers@trustdevcom.org.uk or call 01273 588803/2622.

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