Dementia-friendly concepts and communities

Alzheimer’s Australia has a vision to develop dementia-friendly communities and organisations in Australia to reduce the stigma and social isolation associated with a diagnosis of dementia. The essence of dementia-friendly communities is to engage people with dementia in everyday life. People with disabilities have insisted on societies being inclusive and so should people with dementia.

The lecture will:

- Discuss why social action is the way to reduce stigma and change community attitudes about dementia;
- Present dementia-friendly case studies from the UK to highlight the key elements that make dementia-friendly communities possible;
- Examine the critical role of partnerships in creating dementia-friendly communities including through the leadership of people with dementia and Local Dementia Action Committees; and,
- Identify the outcomes that are being achieved by dementia-friendly communities and how they can be measured.

Steve Milton is one of three directors of Innovations in Dementia, a not-for-profit community interest company in the UK. Innovations in Dementia work with people with dementia, partner organisations and professionals to develop and test projects that enhance the lives of people with dementia. Steve takes a leading role on dementia-friendly communities – and despite their small size – Innovations in Dementia’s work in this area has been highly influential in the UK, which made the creation of dementia-friendly communities a priority of the Prime Minister’s Dementia Challenge in 2012.

General public, people with dementia, carers, service providers, businesses and local government representatives are invited to attend this lecture.

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