

DHWG webinar series: Housing: Still Rising to the Dementia Challenge

Dementia friendly design Bios

Tuesday 9 July 15.30-17.15

Pam Mastrantonio, Managing Director of Retirement Living, Housing and Care 21

Joanne Gardner, Policy Coordinator, West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Joanne supports the West Yorkshire Dementia-ready Housing Taskforce to highlight the need for dementia-ready housing and works collaboratively with partners to embed dementia-friendly design and services across the region.

Joanne has a Post Graduate Diploma in Housing Studies and over 15 years' experience in the sector working in a range of roles from neighbourhood management to customer experience and business improvement. Before joining the Combined Authority Joanne led the approach to customer insight and engagement for a West Yorkshire housing association.

Joanne is keen to ensure people remain at the heart of housing.

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Andrew White, Head of Independent Living, Irwell Valley Homes

Andrew White is Head of Independent Living and a member of the leadership team at Irwell Valley Homes, based in Salford and operating across Greater Manchester. Andrew has over 25 years' experience working in social housing in the fields of homelessness, supported housing in all forms, as well as tenancy sustainment, safeguarding and development. Andrew is committed to ensuring all social housing customers can live well in their homes and communities. He is committed to providing innovate and well-designed homes for people with dementia and other forms of memory loss, promoting the vital contribution social housing providers play in this field.



Mary Marshall, Professor Emeritus University of Stirling

Mary Marshall is a social worker who, since 1982, has focussed on working with and for people with dementia as a campaigner, trainer, lecturer, writer and researcher. She was the director of the Dementia Services Development Centre from 1989 - 2005 and was a consultant in design for dementia with them until 2015 when she took on a similar role for HammondCare International.



She is the author of Toilet Talk, a guide to designing toilets for people with dementia available as a free download:

<https://www.hammond.com.au/resource-hub/toilet-talk>

Debbie Carroll, Director, Step Change Design

Debbie Carroll is a garden designer passionate about gardens being well used and well loved, whether in a domestic or care setting. Her experience in designing for care settings for residents living with dementia prompted the question of why gardens were not more actively used. The research undertaken with fellow designer Mark Rendell led to them writing their findings in a series of books called 'Why don't we go into the garden?'. These support both care settings on a culture change journey and designers on working effectively to enable residents to enjoy the garden freely and for the long term.

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Sarah Waller CBE, Associate Specialist, Association for Dementia Studies, School of Allied Health and Community, University of Worcester

Sarah Waller has a particular interest in [developing enabling environments](#) for people living with dementia. She directed The King's Fund's award winning Enhancing the Healing Environment (EHE) programme and led the development of the EHE dementia friendly environmental assessment tools for health and care settings.

Sarah works with a range of clients undertaking design reviews, the development of corporate design standards and bespoke dementia friendly environmental assessment tools. She is a Trustee of Chelsea and Westminster Health Charity, CW+ and chairs their Arts and Design Committee. She was appointed CBE in 2008 for services to Nursing and the NHS.



Jennifer Bray, Research Assistant, Association for Dementia Studies, School of Allied Health and Community, University of Worcester

Jennifer Bray is a Research Assistant with the Association for Dementia Studies and has worked in project research and evaluation since 2001. After joining the Association for Dementia Studies in 2010, Jennifer has worked across a number of research projects using her skills in both qualitative and quantitative analysis.



The diverse nature of her role has enabled Jennifer to explore dementia in different care settings and in relation to a variety of topic areas. This has enabled her to develop expertise in dementia and sight loss, intergenerational aspects, nature and the arts, the physical environment, and the use of technology with people living with dementia.

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Professor Julienne Meyer, Taskforce Chair and Emeritus Professor, is an academic at the School of Health and Psychological Sciences of City, University of London

Vanessa Pritchard-Wilkes, DHWG Chair and Head of Strategic Engagement at Housing and Care 21

Wendy Wells, Head of Agency Managed, Policy and Business Implementation, The Guinness Partnership

Wendy is an experienced professional, who specialises in meeting the needs of older people, particularly those with dementia, within the housing and housing with care sector. Wendy led Guinness's housing and dementia project taking a proactive approach to enabling the organisation to become more dementia friendly. More recently, she has been leading a large transformation project focused around housing for older people including service design, physical design and technology as well as overseeing the management of Guinness's 3rd party specialised housing portfolio.



Wendy is also the co-dementia lead for the Housing Learning and Improvement Network, which works regionally and nationally with both individual members across housing, health and adult social care and also closely with other trade and professional organisations promoting solutions that enable everyone to live well in good quality housing.