

Leicestershire County Council University of Leicester – DICE

Tackling Loneliness Together

A summit on action to tackle loneliness and social isolation in Leicestershire

Date: 30 November 2018.
Start: 10:00 (Registration from 09:30); Close: 15:40
Venue: College Court, University of Leicester.

Bringing together national and local initiatives, people, and organisations that are working to tackle loneliness and social isolation in Leicestershire and Leicester. The aim is to learn, share good practice, and encourage agencies to work together towards effective, collaborative local action.

Agenda

09:30 Registration, refreshments and networking

10:00 **Welcome**

Practicalities – *Ass. Prof John Williams*

Prof Henrietta O'Connor, Head of College of Arts, Social Science & Humanities, University of Leicester

Cllr Pam Posnett, Leicestershire CC Lead Member for Health

Session 1: National Perspective

Chair: Mike Sandys (LCC)

10:10 Keynote: BBC Loneliness Survey – *Prof Manuela Barreto (University of Exeter)*

10:40 Jo Cox Commission and examples – *Olivia Field, (British Red Cross)*
Followed by 10 mins for Q&A

11:10 Coffee

Session 2: From National to Local Level

Chair: Iris Lightfoote (The Race Equality Centre)

- 11:30 Keynote with Q&A: Government Strategy, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Loneliness and work in Harborough – *Neil O'Brien MP*
- 12:00 Case Study: Derbyshire CC Community Connector Service – *Cheryl Eidukas, Anna Blair & Jackie Johnson (Derbyshire County Council)*

Session 3: Tackling Loneliness in Leicestershire

- 12.20 *Round Table hosted by Ass. Prof John Williams (DICE)*
Community Connectors – *Rohini Corfield (VASL)*
Love4Life – *Liv Bauckham (Twenty Twenty)*

13:00 Lunch and Networking**Session 4: Applying Lessons Locally**

Chair: Gurjit Samra-Rai (LCC)

- 13:50 Introduction to breakout groups – *Prof Surinder Sharma (DICE)*
- 14:00 Breakout groups on Jo Cox Commission themes of leadership, measurable progress, and catalysing action, *plus* sustainability and working together
- 15:00 Feedback from groups – key issues, ideas & actions
- 15:20 **Concluding Comments – what next**
Chair: Pam Posnett
Leicestershire County Council next steps – *Michael Rose (LCC)*
University of Leicester next steps – *Ass. Prof John Williams (DICE)*

15:40 to 16:30 Coffee, Networking and Close