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THE HOUSING AND DEMENTIA RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

Knowledge and learning exchange event: 26 April 2018

Title: Natural Connections: innovative approaches to green care for people living with dementia.

Organisers: Housing and Dementia Research Consortium (HDRC) and Association for Dementia Studies (ADS), University of Worcester.

Description: In this 2018 conference, we will share and discuss learning, knowledge and innovative solutions relating to enabling people living with dementia to maintain a connection to the natural environment and the outdoors. We will hear about recent research exploring green dementia care in long-term accommodation and care settings, personal experience of the impact of nature on people living with dementia and programmes and projects that provide nature-based activities for people living with dementia.

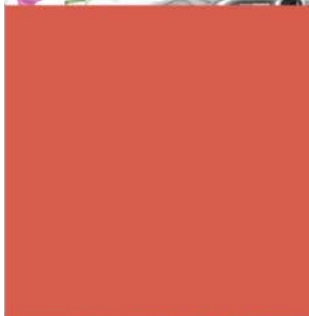
There will be speakers from different fields (academics, third sector organisations, housing providers and people living with dementia), workshops and round table discussions. Delegates at this conference will be the first to hear the full findings of two research projects: a pilot study conducted by the HDRC and ADS on green dementia care opportunities, barriers and good practice in long-term accommodation and care settings; the ROAM (Rehabilitation for Outdoor Activity and Mobility) study conducted by Nottingham University.

Duration: 1 day event, 10am-4pm

Fee Fee: £50 per person. Includes refreshments and lunch. To register for this event, please go to: https://ext-webapp-01.worc.ac.uk/cgi-bin/hdrc_conf/booking.pl

Venue: University of Worcester Arena Conference Suite, Hylton Road, Worcester, WR2 5JN. Directions and maps: <http://www.worc.ac.uk/discover/find-us-severn-campus.html>

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PROGRAMME

HDRC Knowledge and Learning Exchange Event, 26th April 2018

Title: **Natural Connections: innovative approaches to green care for people living with dementia.**

Description: The theme of this year's HDRC conference will be green dementia care. We will share and discuss learning, knowledge and innovative solutions relating to enabling people living with dementia to maintain a connection to the natural environment and the outdoors.

There will be speakers from different fields (academics, third sector organisations, housing providers and carers of people living with dementia) who will share their learning and experience on:

- The importance of maintaining contact with nature for people living with dementia;
- Recent research exploring nature-based dementia care in long-term accommodation and care settings, its potential impact, enablers and barriers to provision and access to the outdoors for people living with dementia;
- Organisations, programmes and projects that provide nature-based activities for people living with dementia.

Programme: **10.00 Registration and refreshments**

10.30 Welcome – Simon Evans, Association for Dementia Studies

10.35 Life's choices – June Hennell

11.00 Green dementia care in long-term accommodation and care settings – opportunities, barriers and good practice – Julie Barrett, Housing and Dementia Research Consortium.

11.25 Break, refreshments and networking

11.40 Rehabilitation for Outdoor Activity and Mobility: The ROAM Study – findings and next steps – Amanda King and Neil Chadborn, University of Nottingham

12.05 A breath of fresh air – April Dobson, The Abbeyfield Society.

12.30 Round table discussion – green care challenges

13.10 Lunch and networking

14.00 Highlighting practical research based advice, training and support Dementia Adventure can provide to long-term care settings – Neil Mapes, Dementia Adventure

14.25 Bringing smiles into another day with dementia – the impact of a care home pet farm – Julia Lowe, Broadening Choices for Older People

14.50 Involving the community in care through social and therapeutic horticulture – Dale Cranshaw, Growing support

15.15 Round table discussion – green care solutions

15.55 Closing remarks

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