

Asset-Based Community Development for People with Dementia: The EngageD Now Approach

HAPPI Hour Webinar - Dementia, Housing and Enabling Communities

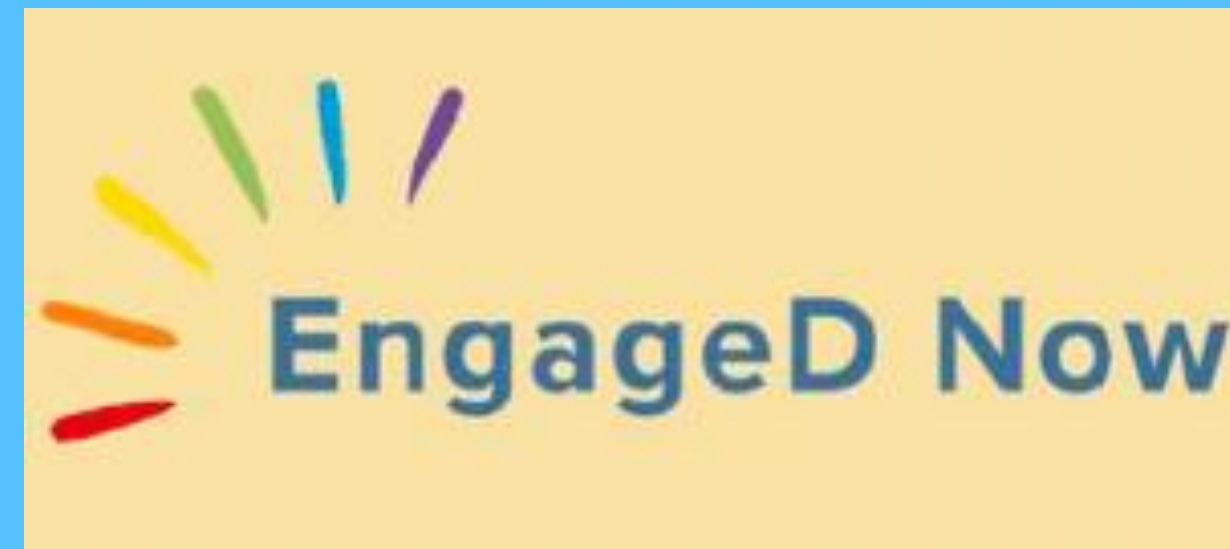
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Richard Tauber

A “bravura performance” demanding exceptional breath control with a collapsed lung – drawing upon techniques and stamina that enabled him to compensate for his very severe physical limitations.

How can we maintain and support inherent capabilities in dementia?



The 6 Key Principles of ABCD

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2. Citizens as Co-Producers
3. Relationships First – “Doing with, not to”
4. Institutions as Facilitators
5. Local Focus
6. Inclusion for All

Slide 4: Timeline



1. Approach to set up a Meeting Centre
2. Opened Pop-Up Café in partnership with Lillian Faithfull Care
3. Invitation from Stroud District Council to move to Independent Living Hub
4. Weekly community lunch open to all at Grange View
5. Approach from NoSH to work with Stroud Community Hubs
6. Decision to move from single Meeting Centre to take EN approach to hubs
7. Work with Stroud Town Council to establish Stroud Dementia Action Alliance

Peer Support in Action



“Three zimmer frames in a row – agency and community in motion.”



Title: From Single Centre to Community-Wide Impact

Key Shift

Moving from one meeting centre to empowering multiple community spaces.

Why?

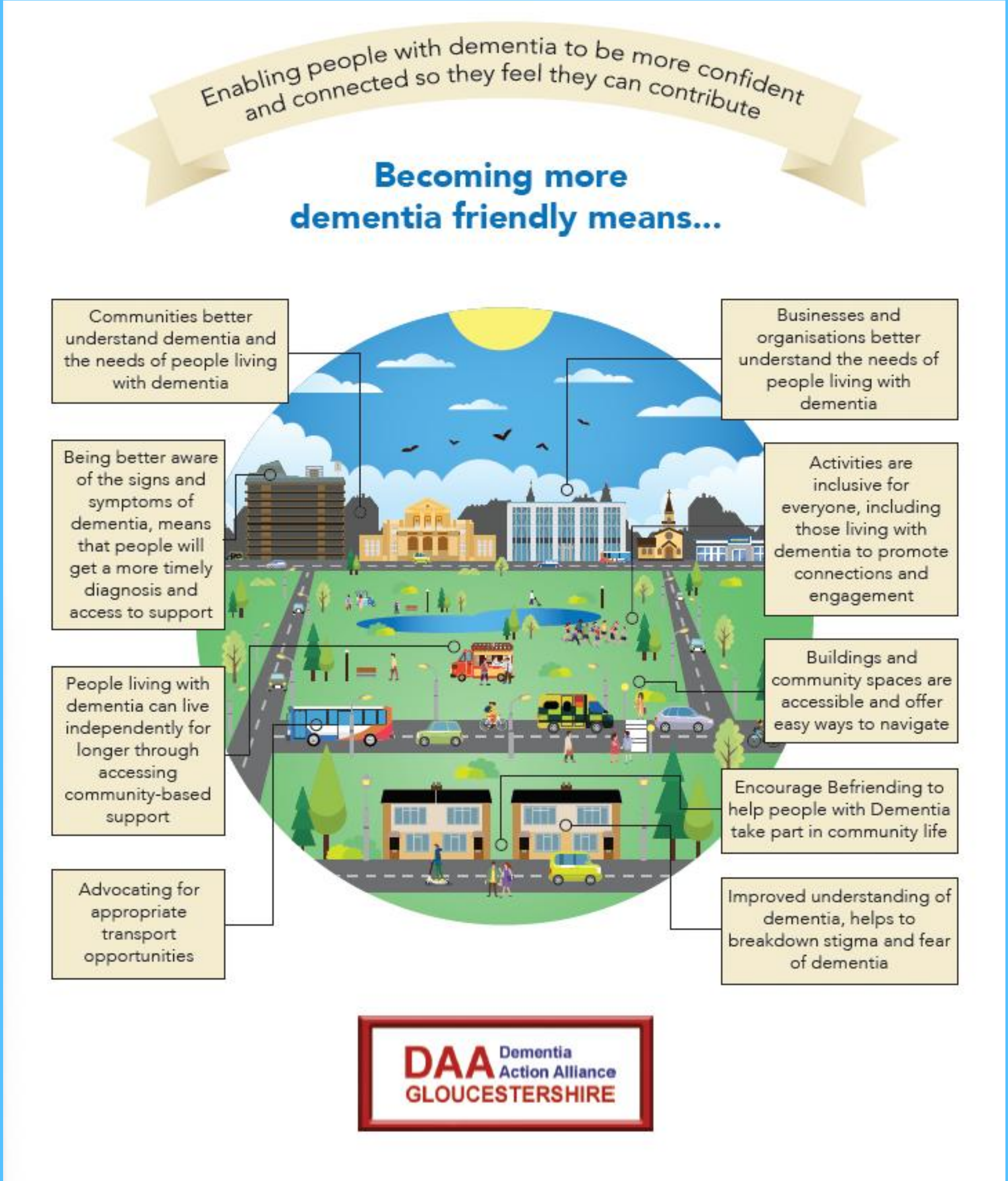
- Scale impact
- Leverage existing community assets
- Foster peer support networks



Title: Balancing Risk and Empowerment

- Challenges:
 - Building hub confidence in positive risk-taking
 - Training volunteers/staff to adapt to changing needs
- Solutions:
 - Clear risk-assessment protocols
 - Regular upskilling workshops

Slide 8: Building a Dementia Friendly Stroud





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Conclusion: Building a Dementia-Inclusive Stroud

Our Mission

People living with dementia are valued community members, not defined by diagnosis.

Critical Focus

Supporting individuals during and after diagnosis — when hope matters most.

The ABCD Difference

Harnessing community strengths to foster:

- Agency
- Identity
- Dignity
- Purpose

Thank You. Questions? Let's discuss the EngageD Now approach.