



newsletter

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Search Newcastle

Supporting older people in Newcastle



Vintage Tea- ImAge 2022

Search celebrated the ImAGE Festival and International Day of Older People by collaborating with Bishop's Court to hold a Vintage Tea. Staff set scene by donning vintage costumes, the room was decorated with a war time theme, local history displays were in place to provide a back drop for reminiscence. Our Energy Advisor Meg, brought conversations of old washdays and saving energy to life, demonstrating the poss tub, washboard and other bygone items on loan from Tyne and Wear Museums. Ration vouchers were issued to spend at our Vintage Sweet stand, everyone enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea. Yvonne the Vintage Vocalist rounded the afternoon off with songs from the 30's to 50's.



NEW Cruddas Park Weekly Hub

NEW weekly Advice and Activity Hub in the community room at Cruddas Park GP Practice. Mondays 1.30pm until 3.30pm starting November 7th. Come along to one of our sessions have with a cuppa and tell us what activities you would like to see us provide.

Big Thank You

We want to say a big thank you to Gordon Taylor who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, he had a wonderful birthday bash and asked for donations instead of gifts towards causes he is passionate about. He has very kindly donated £100 of the donations to Search's dementia friendly activities. He continues to be a great support to the Search activities he attends, always welcoming with the kettle on and a big smile!



Volunteering

Many thanks to all volunteers who came to our Autumn meeting on Wednesday 19th October and sorry we missed those of you who could not make it. We had an update from Simon and several members of the team, outlining new and continuing projects at Search. These include our regular leisure activities; essential fundraising; the Home from Hospital support service; Advice and Information team who help with finances, benefits and home energy and the newly-established mental health services, Beyond Blue and Talking Therapies.

We welcome our new Volunteer Coordinator, Serena Curwen. Community activities and home support are very much in demand and we welcome interest from any new volunteers or those who have helped us in the past and would consider doing so again.

Asian mens' group- Carrom Board

In partnership with Newcastle United Foundation, NUCASTLE , West End Friends will be running Carrom Board Club (for over 50s Asian men) every Wednesday from 2nd November to 21st December, 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm at Diana Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6BQ

For further information, contact Nadeem on 0191 273 7443

Beyond Blue

Search's Beyond Blue service supports people who have recently tried to take their own life, or have been feeling suicidal for some time. Our dedicated Beyond Blue worker, Kay, provides in-person emotional support, and can offer time and support to develop a path to recovery, as well as connections to our social and activity groups, health and fitness advice through Healthworks, and links in to benefits and energy advice if required. It involves a mix of one-to-one and group sessions, and is open to anyone aged 50+ in Newcastle. If you or someone you know could benefit from Beyond Blue, please contact us in the usual way – we can take referrals from individuals, their friends and family, and health and social care professionals.

Well done Kathleen !



Healthwatch Newcastle Champions celebrate the outstanding achievements of health and social care workers. Awarding Healthwatch Star awards nominated by the public for special recognition.

Kathleen (Digital Engagement Worker) was nominated by someone who joined her Tech and Tea group. The group opened a whole new world with internet connectivity. As well as imparting knowledge, Kathleen was patient and quick to explain any queries about the phone's operation. Those that attend the Tech and Tea group are now able to shop online, speak/video call with friends and family near and far, access NHS services and much more. The sessions are informal and welcoming, people are welcome to bring their own phones or tablets to learn with.

Some Christmas activities for you to join.....



Christmas Raffle

Please support our Xmas Raffle lots of prizes to be won £1 per ticket. Contact us or pick up your tickets at one of our hubs or activities. Lots of exciting prizes 1st prize - Barbour padded jacket (of your choosing), 2nd pair of theatre tickets, 3rd £50 worth of beauty therapies (massage) .

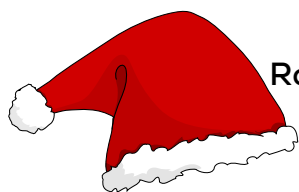
Other prizes include a brewery tour, Ringtons goodies, wine and chocolates. Drawn Thursday 22nd December.

Christmas Concert at St James' and St Basil's Church, Wingrove Road North, Fenham. Sunday November 27th 1.30pm Concert 2.00pm until 3.00pm Coffee and Mince Pies will be served. £2 a person Book in advance as spaces limited.

Christmas Evening Social, Throckley Community Hall, Back Victoria Terrace, Throckley. Thursday 1st December 6.00pm until 9.00pm singer, bingo, and pie and pea supper, £3 each book in advance as spaces limited.

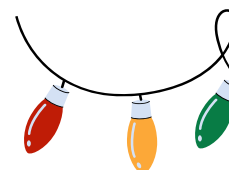
Christmas Special Singing for your Brain.

You don't have to be a good singer, come along and have a sing song to some Christmas classics.



-Wednesday 7th December 10.30am-12.00pm
Robert Stewart Memorial Church, Wingrove Road, Fenham.

-Wednesday 21st December 10.30am -12.00pm
Bishops Court, Tebay Drive, NE5 2XG.



Christmas Lunch at Broadmead Church, Broadmead Way, Benwell . Friday 16th December 12 noon until 2.30pm, £3 each Book in advance as spaces limited.

Search Monthly Tea Dance, will be a week early in December. Christmas Tea Dance 21st December 1.00pm until 3.00pm Denton Burn Methodist Church, suggested Donation £2.

Weekly Dance classes Every Friday at The Lemington Centre, Lemington 1.00pm until 2.00pm, Learn Sequence, Ballroom and Latin, suitable for all abilities,
Suggested Donation £2



Fundraising

Search Unity Lottery

For your chance to win £25,000 and support a cause you care about join UNITY Lottery. The draw takes place every Saturday and costs just £1.00. For details call Search or check our website.

Would you like to join our FUNdraising group? We are looking for volunteers to join our fundraiser Debs to boost Search's income. If you think you can help contact Debs at our office.

There is a way to help SEARCH to raise funds which won't cost you anything and takes no time at all! If you, your family, neighbours or friends ever shop online, you can sign up to Amazon Smile and choose Search Newcastle as your chosen charity, you only have to set this up once!

Platinum Champions Volunteer Awards

Linda has volunteered at Search for nearly 20 years. She has been recognised for her dedicated and valuable contribution to volunteering by the Duchess of Cornwall awards.

"It was an honour and I was proud to be nominated, it's nice to be appreciated when volunteering, I did realise how much help I get from Search and how much Search enjoyment Search gives to other people."

Chris Volunteer Co-ordinator

"It has been a privilege and fun to work with Linda all these years. Volunteers are the backbone of Search."



VITA - Taking Therapies

Search are working in partnership with Vita Health, the main provider of IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) services within Newcastle. Talking Therapies provide psychological support to people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

As a part of this service, our new link worker can support you to access IAPT, as well as helping you integrate into local wellbeing activities. This is a huge stride in ensuring older people are able to access appropriate mental health services.