



TERMS OF REFERENCE

VALUES

The Bury Older People's Network is committed to the following values and principles:

- *Being led by older people* - the Network ensures that older people (50 and over) take a leading role in the Network, shaping its direction and priorities.
- *Being Age Proud* - the Network works to celebrate ageing and to emphasise the contributions that older people bring to our society.
- *Being representative and inclusive* - encouraging the input of older people from the six townships of Bury, from across the age range, representing all voices, and encouraging people who are less likely to become involved because of their life situations.
- *Strengths* - the Network aims to identify strengths in people and communities and help to build these strengths.

AIM

- To promote a positive attitude towards ageing so that everyone can participate as fully as possible in activities and decision-making.

OBJECTIVES

- To work with a wide range of organisations, including statutory and voluntary organisations and Greater Manchester colleagues to ensure older people can influence policies, projects, and services by which they are affected.
- To develop an action plan for older people to promote ageing well and which will be a working document for the practical application of the values identified above.
- To develop an action plan on inclusivity that is reflective of the diverse population and communities across the borough.

MEMBERSHIP

We want the Network to grow and develop into a diverse group of people from different communities across the borough. People aged 50+, their families, Carers and advocates are welcome to join. Membership also includes representatives from voluntary organisations, community groups, statutory departments and anyone who has an interest in upholding the right of older people to have equal opportunities in their lives.

Senior leads from Health, Social Care and other organisations are invited to join specific meetings relevant to the theme for the month. Colleagues from organisations may request to join a meeting if they have something specific to add to the agenda.

MEETINGS

At present, the meetings usually occur on the second Wednesday of each month at the Bury Unitarian Church from 11am to 12:30pm, followed by a cold buffet lunch until 1:30pm (refreshments and lunch are complimentary). No meetings take place during August and December. However, all these details are subject to change, for example, the meeting in June this year was replaced by a larger event on a different day.

Chairing the Meeting and Minute Taking

A member of the Network is Chair and normally chairs the meetings. Another member takes action notes, and these are issued after every meeting so that if you are unable to attend, you will be kept up to date about what is happening.

Agenda - any member may make an early request an agenda item and there is an opportunity for Any Other Business on the agenda.

CONTACT DETAILS

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