



The FoNS Weekly News

Communities, Care Homes and Future Care Planning

Kirsty Cartin QN, Care Home Manager, Rashielee Care Home

Communities are the backbone of our lives, supporting us through every stage, including times when we need more care than can be provided at home. Care homes should be viewed as an extension of the community, providing essential support and nurturing environments for older adults. They are not facilities; they are homes and integral parts of our health and social care system where older adults can receive the care and companionship they deserve.

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Currently, care homes are often seen negatively, viewed as places of last resort rather than valuable parts of the community. In this blog, Kirsty Cartin, Care Home Manager, talks about reframing care homes as vital parts of our community and engaging in more open discussions about aging and care.

[Read Kirsty's blog](#)

Deadlines approaching: Person-centred Cultures Development Programme

Closes Wednesday 14 August 2024

Please can we enlist your support in one last push to share this **fully funded** programme? It includes learning blocks (both in person and online), with travel expenses and full board included. This is a transformational opportunity, which will impact the participant, their team and their service.

Ever wondered *how* to create a more person-centred culture? This programme will have the answers, and will support you to develop the skills, confidence and know how to really make an impact in practice.

Please share and encourage applications!

[Person-centred Cultures: A FoNS Development Programme](#)

Deadlines approaching: Join the team!

Lived Experience Co-production Lead

[Lived Experience Co-production Lead application information](#)

Closing date: 16 August 2024 17.00

Office administrator

[FoNS Office Administrator application information](#)

Closing date: 11 August 2024 at 23:30

RBCS Project Manager and Facilitator

[Application pack](#)

Closing Date: 27 August 2024 17.00

The FoNS Residential Programme 2025

Are you considering registering for the Residential Programme for 2025?

You can get a pretty good flavour of what the week is like from our 'factional diary' evaluation. We've combined quotes and observations from participants, with details about the daily programme. Please do take a look and start the conversation with your manager about funding – it's an opportunity not to be missed.

[Read the factional diary.](#)

Other news

Understanding the language of end-of-life care

4 November 2024, 6:30pm-8:00pm online

A 90-minute conversation about communication and terminology in end-of-lifecare hosted by Carrie Doyle RN DNSPQ PGCE Soul Midwife. Donations will be taken to support St Helena Hospice, Colchester

[Tickets and further information.](#)

SWLDC Webinar: Improving Bowel Health for People with a Learning Disability

30 September 2024, 1:00pm-2:00pm, online MS Teams

What's the session likely to cover?

This session will focus on a person-centred approach to bowel management and features Ruksana Fauzel-Abbas (Specialist Learning Disability Physiotherapist) and Tracy Pouard (Specialist Learning Disability Nurse).

[Further information and registration link](#)

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