

Tyne and Wear Care Alliance Annual Conference

Living and Dying with Dignity

The Sage

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 8.30am – 13.00pm

This year the Alliance Conference focuses on Dignity and aims to support the delivery of the Dignity in Care Campaign, launched in 2006 by the Minister for Care Services, Ivan Lewis MP. The aim of the campaign aims to eliminate tolerance of indignity in health and social care services through raising awareness and inspiring people to take action throughout a person's life. The event is hosted by the Alliance and jointly funded by the Alliance, Skills for Care and the Department Of Health.

With key inspirational speeches from Simon Weston and Tricia Stewart, the agenda will aim to increase commitment, develop and share best practice around dignity. The workshops will positively engage with individuals highlighting examples of good practice.

Falklands Veteran, Simon Weston attended our conference last year and was so inspired himself by the people he met on the day, that he approached the Alliance this year to offer his services again.

Other guests for the day include Tricia Stewart who is one of the original members of the Rylestone Women's Institute in North Yorkshire that inspired the British film Calendar Girls.

New Vision Training who are a group of people with learning disabilities who use their personal experiences and skills to deliver training about disability awareness. The Shuggies, a group of inspirational women who bring care to life through music. Pantastic are a community Steel Pan Band from Sunderland, the group has 18 members of mixed ages and abilities. The group plays a variety of music from traditional Caribbean calypso to modern pop music.

**There will also be the chance to attend one of six workshops that will be running on the day which are:-**

- Personalisation - An Individuals Story – Lynn Patterson, Service User**
- Dignity Champions – How to make a difference – Department of Health**
- Advanced Care Planning – St Benedict’s Hospice**
  - End of Life Strategy – Primary Care Trust**
- The Dementia Care Strategy – Primary Care Trust**
  - Living and Dying with Dignity - Mencap**

If you are interested in attending this conference then please contact the Tyne and Wear Care Alliance on 0191 5656052, email: [info.twca@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:info.twca@sunderland.gov.uk) or visit the website for further details on [www.twca.org.uk/sage2009](http://www.twca.org.uk/sage2009)