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The London Regional Forum on Ageing

Positive Ageing In London Newsletter, October 2015

Forthcoming Events:

Ageing in London? No problem!

26 November – PAIL to debate asset based approaches to ageing

More and more work to support older people is following asset based approaches: starting from the assets and contributions older people and communities have, not the problems or conditions people need support for. Positive Ageing in London will be holding a workshop on 26 November from 10.30 - 13.00 to discuss asset based approaches. Speakers will come from the Ageing Better in Camden Partnership, the Housing Learning and Improvement Network and Age UK London. Topics will include the asset based programme developing in Camden, involving older people in local economic development and asset-based approaches to housing for older people.

You can find further information and register for the event here:

<http://ageinginlondonnoproblem.eventbrite.co.uk>

Responding to the Comprehensive Spending Review:

PAIL meeting 14 January 2016

The Government plans to publish the result of its Comprehensive Spending Review at the end of November. With the forecast levels of reduction in government spending, there are bound to be effects on older people and local services in London. PAIL will hold a briefing and debate at its next full meeting on 14 January 2016, at Age UK London from 10.00 to 12.30. Speakers from statutory bodies and older people's organisations will lead a discussion on what the CSR will mean for older people and how PAIL members might respond to the changes.

For more information and to register please contact Sharon Tynan, stynan@ageuklondon.org.uk

PAIL needs a new Vice-Chair!

Positive Ageing in London (PAIL), the London Regional Forum on Ageing, needs to elect a new Vice-Chair. You can find out more about PAIL at <http://pailondon.org.uk/>

If you wish to stand for this honorary role, please write to Sharon Tynan,

stynan@ageuklondon.org.uk **by 6 November 2015**, including a short supporting statement of up to 250 words. A role description for the Vice-Chair is available.

Candidates need to have attended at least one of PAIL's quarterly meetings over the last year and to commit themselves to attend quarterly full meetings and quarterly planning meetings in future.

The term of office is three years, renewable once, and the successful candidate will be co-opted to the Board of Trustees of Age UK London.

If there is more than one candidate, PAIL members will be asked to vote by e-mail or post, and we will

arrange for there to be an independent returning officer for that election.

Positive Ageing in London is committed to equal opportunities and wishes to attract a diverse active membership.

Tell us how PAIL is doing!

At Positive Ageing in London we want to hear what older people and organisations think of us: are we effective, are we representative, is it easy to keep up with what is happening? Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think by answering a small number of questions [here](#). You can answer up to 30 November. We would be really grateful for your feedback.

Recent PAIL Meetings

Quarterly Meeting, 8 September

The main focus of the meeting was on a discussion on “Ageing in a Digital World” led by David Wilcox, Social Reporter (<http://socialreporter.com/>) Questions which came up included; How do we help older people get connected and get online in that way that suits them? Some major funders now say that all community projects should have a digital element: how can staff be trained to support anyone who experiences barriers? On the other hand it was pointed out that the Centre for Ageing Better does not appear to support digital work as such. There was a discussion about isolated people being able to chat online with others but for some people, it is valid to ask why a person would want to go online to talk to people they don't know.

Overall conclusions emerging were that support must be needs led, people must be able to access skills acquisition, although there were important remaining issues including those of resistance, motivation and demographic differences. This is an area which PAIL should continue to take up as a policy and practice concern.

Participants went on to discuss points to be raised from London at the 16 September meeting of the UK Advisory Forum on Ageing (UKAFA). One issue raised was about forms of identification: many older people do not have forms of identification which are often requested, like passports or driving licences.

The meeting also talked about possible content and speakers for PAIL's planned conference on “Resisting Everyday Ageism” in March 2016 – more information about this soon!

Members thanked David Shalit for his committed, active and influential service as Vice-Chair of PAIL on the occasion of his standing down from that post. David has represented the City of London on PAIL since it was set up in 2011 and was PAIL's first Chair.