

Our story

We love helping to make Sheffield a city we can all be proud to grow older in. In partnership with lots of organisations across Sheffield we're delivering innovative and exciting projects to help tackle loneliness and social isolation for people aged 50 and over. We've made it our mission to support individuals to develop positive and meaningful connections with others.



Jasmine (11) asked people acros<u>s Shef</u>field:

Have you ever felt lonely?

Our projects

Opportunity to collaborate with 3rd sector & arts organisations across Sheffield

Testing out a range of innovative interventions

Co-designed and delivered projects

Focus on key issues of bereavement, access to resources/impact of austerity/ travel & accessibility/employment and making Sheffield a more Age Friendly place to live.





Impact

2,700+ people engaged

500+ volunteers

46% reduction in levels of loneliness

67% of participants report improved mental wellbeing

21% participants BAME

28% participants have limiting health condition.



Older people leading the way



Co-commissioning Joint decision making on funding and evaluating programme activities.



Co-governance Representatives have equal voice and influence in how the programme is delivered.



Co-delivery Close collaboration with the programme's delivery partners who are testing new interventions to reduce isolation and loneliness.



Co-evaluation Support from representatives with a background in research and evaluation including Sheffield Hallam University and Good Things Foundation.

Our successes

- Featured in the World Health Organisation report *Creating Supportive Environments and Resilient Communities*
- Co-produced and hosted first ever Ageing Better celebration event – attended by 150 people – 70% of which were over 50
- Created 3 Neighbourhood Toolkits which have been delivered to over 30,000 people.
- Produced a guide for Housing Associations who are working to reduce social isolation & loneliness in partnership with the Fund.



Response to Covid-19



Do you need food delivering to your doorstep?

Would your mental well-being benefit from having a chat?

Are you looking for someone to walk your dog? Or would you like to start planting seeds on your windowsill?

Maybe you're not local to Sheffield and you're worried about a loved one who lives alone in our city?

Please get in touch with us on **0114 2900 294** and we can do our best to make things like this happen for you!

Moments of Joy

- Co-created and delivered over
 2,500 'Hello
 Sheffield
 Neighbour' activity
 packs in 3 weeks
- Worked with older people in the city to develop an arts and music programme (35+ sessions to date)
- Developed a befriending project with SYHA's volunteering team.



Moments of Joy...





What next

- Extension offered for Year 7 a strong strategic relationship with TNLCF.
- TNLCF has indicated there will be further sustainability opportunities for SYHA beyond March 2022
- Continue to lead the national Ageing Better co-production work
- Grow the Moments of Joy across extra care schemes in the city.
- Build on the legacy of the programme across Sheffield

