



Meaningful Education Ltd CIC Presents The Bedfordshire Dignity Network

The Bedfordshire Dignity Network aims to create a proactive approach to preserve dignity within the community by;

- Raising awareness of the importance of dignity and impact when it is lost.
- To inspire professionals to share good practice and contribute to transforming services.
- To encourage and support local people to take action to improve the quality of life within their communities.
- To recognise and reward those individuals and groups that make a difference by 'going the extra mile'.

We welcome and invite individual members of the community, groups and organisations to join the Network. We are keen to learn what others are already doing to promote dignity within their environment.

As a network we will share experiences, thoughts and ideas; Members will create an Action Plan for the implementation of positive change. There are many small steps that we can take that can have a big impact on improving people's lives.

We want Bedfordshire to be recognised as a place where everyone is treated with dignity and respect; creating a dignified community for an improved quality of life for all!

The Network meetings will be held Quarterly, the topics discussed will be initiated and agreed by the Members of the group.

For every meeting Members will be required to rotate as the host, presenting their service or organisation and to equally take turns to lead.

Members of the Network will be identified as a Dignity Champion (registering with the National Dignity Council). A Dignity Champion is someone who believes passionately that being treated with dignity is a basic human right, not an optional extra. They believe that all services must be compassionate and respect people as individuals with individual needs.

Dignity Champions are willing to:

- Stand up and challenge disrespectful behaviour rather than just tolerate it.
- Act as a positive Role Model by treating other people with respect, particularly those who are less able to stand up for themselves.
- Speak up about dignity to improve the way that services are organised and delivered.
- Influence and inform other people of the importance of dignity.
- Listen to and understand the views and experiences of people who use services and of their Carer/s.

Why should you join Bedfordshire Dignity Network?

Dignity is an important part of our daily lives and when forgotten can impact upon us all. Making the decision to become a Dignity Champion and to sign up to the Network will offer you the following:

- A Forum of like-minded individuals, groups and organisations that share your vision and value your ideas to raise awareness.

- Access to relevant and up-to-date information, peer guidance and resources to support your goals.

- Opportunity to share experience and best practice, to contribute to and lead improvement within services.

- To join forces with others equally committed to leading a movement within our communities, for positive long-term change in our Society.

- To be recognised as the special individual you are, for demonstrating dedication to a worthwhile cause.

Every individual has a need for purpose and a right to feel valued and worthy of being part of our Society.

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