



HAVE YOUR SAY EVENTS FROM AGE CONCERN AND HELP THE AGED

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The first few months after the official coming together of Age Concern England and Help the Aged - being formalised on 1 April - will provide an opportunity for older people from diverse backgrounds across England, to say how they would like to engage with the new charity.

A month-long series of 20 half-day events at 10 different locations across England starting in early-May is being planned.

The purpose of these half-day events is to introduce the new charity to as wide an audience of older people as possible and to find out how they would like to get involved with the new organisation.

On each of the event days, there will be two meetings- one in the morning and one in the afternoon. People will be asked when registering whether they want to attend a morning or an afternoon event. A total of 200 people will attend each day. Lunch will be provided free of charge to everyone who takes part.

The morning event will last from 10.30-12.30 and the afternoon event from 2.00-4.00. All venues are accessible for people with disabilities and will have an induction loop.

Dates that have been confirmed so far are:

- 12 May - Preston
- 13 May - Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- 14 May – Grantham, East Midlands
- 15 May - Leeds
- 18 May – Birmingham
- 22 May - Taunton
- 26 May - London
- 27 May - Brighton
- 29 May - Cambridge

Venues and dates still have to be confirmed for a second event day in London.

The new charity is very keen to hear the voices of older people from Black and minority ethnic communities. We are asking Black and minority ethnic

organisations to promote these events to as many older people connected with your organisations as possible. They can be service users, volunteers (including trustees), or members – any older person who might be interested in hearing about the new national charity and might want to work with it.

At each event, a limited number of places have been reserved for older people connected to Black and minority ethnic organisations. These places will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

If an older person connected to your organisation would like to attend any of these events, please ask them to register by calling 08458 884444 or 01952 214076 or by sending an email to haveyoursay@aptsolutions.co.uk. They will be asked whether they want to attend a morning or an afternoon event.

There will also be a limited travel bursary. People will be asked to state their interest in claiming a bursary when registering.

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