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Young Dementia Network News - March 2022

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## Young Dementia Network steering group

### Keeping you in touch

**The Young Dementia Network's [steering group](#), including people affected by young onset dementia and passionate professionals, guides the Network's plans. Those plans and activities draw on what you tell us matters. At regular intervals, I will keep you in touch.**

Our current focus is:

- Planning a campaign to improve the experience of diagnosis - this will need determination
- Keeping in touch with the drafting of England's national dementia strategy to ensure young onset dementia inclusion
- Contributing a submission to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia. See below to find out more about the contributions of people affected by young onset dementia

Peter Watson has stepped down from the steering group. Peter's wife had young onset dementia. He used his experience for good, including influencing at national government level. Thank you!

Best wishes

Tessa Gutteridge  
**Chair, Young Dementia Network**

PS A small thing but something - the Network's [young onset dementia ID card](#) has been adapted by Alzheimer's Disease International to help people in Ukraine and who are refugees from the turmoil there.

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## Employabili-tea webinar

**On Wednesday 27th April 2022, we will continue our series of young onset dementia webinars with Employabili-tea.**

Researcher Dr Louise Ritchie will be joined by Martin Robertson and they will discuss issues relating to working after a diagnosis of young onset dementia.

Dr Ritchie has conducted research into understanding the experiences of people who are diagnosed while still in employment and exploring the potential for continued employment post-diagnosis.

Martin Robertson was diagnosed with dementia aged 58 and has written a booklet titled [Work after a diagnosis of dementia](#).

Sign up to join the webinar [here](#).

**Watch a recording of our March webinar - Dementia, Disabili-tea and Hope [here](#).**

**Catch up with past webinars on our [website](#).**

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## Let everyone know you're a Network member!

The Young Dementia Network has over 4500 members and is a growing and lively community of people who are affected by, or have an interest in, young onset dementia.

Let your family, friends and colleagues know that you're a member and encourage them to join too by sharing our new 'I'm a member' graphic on your social media accounts.

Joining the Network is free and enables members to receive our monthly newsletter and to get involved in our campaigns, policy work and the creation of new resources to improve the lives of people affected by young onset dementia.

Download our 'I'm a member' graphic [here](#). Join the Network [here](#).

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## All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia - social care workforce inquiry

**The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia, co-chaired by Debbie Abrahams MP and Baroness Greengross, is undertaking an inquiry into what people affected by dementia want and need from the social care workforce.**

Evidence has been supplied to the inquiry from over 30 organisations, academics and charities - including the Young Dementia Network - and nearly 2000 people affected by dementia completed a questionnaire. At a recent evidence session, Trevor Saloman whose wife Yvonne has young onset Alzheimer's disease and Gaye Payne, who was diagnosed with young onset dementia in 2020, both shared their experiences with the group.

You can watch a recording of the evidence session [here](#). Go to 07:03 to hear Trevor and 17:50 to listen to Gaye. They also comment later in the discussion.

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## Young onset dementia / dementia related news

**Dementia UK is recruiting a Consultant Admiral Nurse for Young Onset Dementia.** The salary is c£47,126-£53,219 (Band 8a equivalent). The closing date for applications is 21st March 2022. For more information or to apply click [here](#).

**tide has launched a guide for families and relatives involved in, or supporting someone, to move into a care home.** Find out more [here](#).

**DEEP has published a booklet which shares top tips for group facilitators.** Click [here](#) to read it.

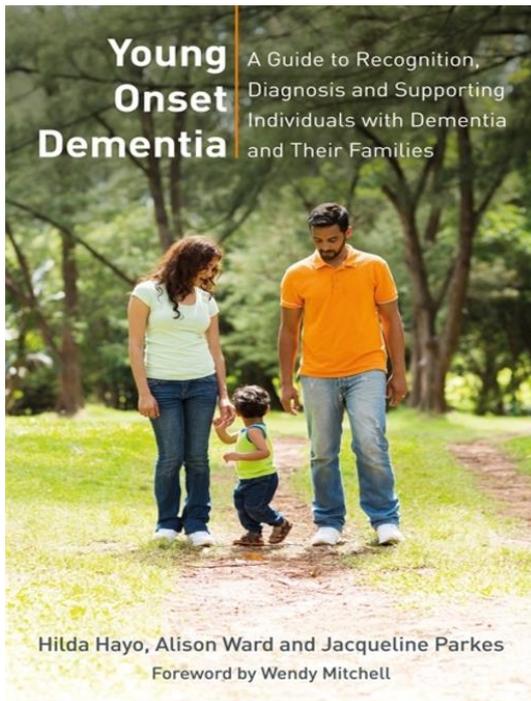
**Sign up for free to join the Journal of Dementia Care's not-for-profit dementia care community and receive a newsletter and read one article every month on their website.** Click [here](#) to sign up.

**Musical Walkabout has released a new short film - THRIVE - which celebrates the power of music to support the wellbeing of people experiencing social isolation.** It includes interviews and footage of their YO Songsters singing group for people affected by young onset dementia. Watch the film [here](#).

**A film made by Network workstream member Peter Middleton, who is living with young onset dementia, [One month with dementia](#) has been shortlisted in the [Charity Film Awards](#).** Congratulations Peter, we hope your film wins!

**The 16th UK Dementia Congress will take place on 8-9th November 2022 at the Midland Arts Centre, Birmingham.** More information to follow soon.

The **Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Younger Onset Dementia Service** is a specialist, dedicated service for people who receive a diagnosis of dementia under the age of 65 and their carers and families. They are **recruiting a Team Leader**. Find out [more](#).



## Young onset dementia - book giveaway!

We have a copy of Hilda Hayo, Alison Ward and Jacqueline Parkes book, [Young onset dementia - A guide to recognition, diagnosis and supporting individuals with dementia and their families](#) to giveaway!

The book explores the experiences of people living with a diagnosis of young onset dementia through detailed case studies and gives learning points to implement in practice for the better provision of appropriate support and care.

If you would like to be entered into the book giveaway, please [email us](#) with your full name and postal address by Thursday 31st March 2022. The winner will be drawn at random.

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## Young onset dementia research round up

### Involvement opportunities

**The CARECOACH research study is working to develop online materials that help people who provide dementia support and care**

To volunteer to take part in this research study you need to:

- be based in or around Norfolk, Nottinghamshire or Bradford
- have the time to take part in an interview which takes place online and may take up to two hours
- have access to a computer or tablet and know how to use Zoom for video calls

- be able to speak and read English at an everyday level

All information provided is confidential. Follow this [link](#) to contact the research team.

## Research study – improving access to counselling services for people living with dementia

Researchers from the University of Edinburgh are testing the research design and methods for setting up and running a counselling service.

They are looking for people living with dementia and two family carers to take part in a 12-week counselling programme and feedback on their experience.

For more information click [here](#) or contact Dr Gill Matthews –

[g.matthews@ed.ac.uk](mailto:g.matthews@ed.ac.uk)

For other dementia research opportunities, click [here](#), or visit the [Join Dementia Research](#) website.

To view a collection of research focusing on the most prominent subjects relating to young onset dementia click [here](#).

## Resource showcase: Diagnostic clinic leaflet

**Our diagnostic clinic leaflet informs newly diagnosed people of the organisations who may be able to offer support and information.**

It is intended to be given at the point of diagnosis, so we are encouraging memory clinics and diagnostic services to utilise it.



Download or request a copy via our website [here](#).



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