



House of Memories dementia awareness training at National Museums Liverpool

House of Memories is a tailored dementia awareness training programme, developed by National Museums Liverpool (NML), which enables professional health and social care workers to help those directly affected by the condition to live well with dementia. The training introduces basic knowledge about the various forms of dementia and uses memory activity resources linked to the museum experience, which can be transferred to the care setting.

The initial phase of the programme ran from January-March 2012 with funding from the Department of Health. More than 3000 participants have attended *House of Memories* training to date. Evaluation shows that the training has an overwhelmingly positive impact on participants, increasing their understanding of dementia and building confidence. With support from Mi - More Independent, *House of Memories* has been expanded to run until March 2015 at the Museum of Liverpool.

In May 2013, the programme won the NHS Health Education North West Adult Learners' Week Award 2013 in the category of 'Learning Together in Health and Social Care'.

Next Month (October 2013) *House of Memories* ran its first dedicated dementia awareness scheme in partnership with four housing providers: Liverpool Mutual Homes, Knowsley Housing Trust, the Regenda Group and Riverside Housing. This latest development for the project will enable staff from housing associations attend training sessions geared specifically to situations and scenarios that can occur in their daily work concerning people living with dementia.

To find out how to book the training and to sign up for the newsletter, visit the website www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/houseofmemories

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