

Scottish Dementia Working Group Business Meeting – May 2023

The campaigning and awareness raising activities of the Scottish Dementia Working Group are focused on delivering the priorities that members identify based on their own experiences and the experiences that they hear from people living with dementia across Scotland. SDWG members got together in Alzheimer Scotland's Glasgow Brain Health & Dementia Resource Centre in May to review how their work throughout 2022 had helped to progress their areas of focus and campaigning priorities. Group members discussed the strands of work that they had been involved in, the partnership working they had undertaken, and the research opportunities they had participated in, all of which allowed them to raise awareness, champion change and promote new approaches to help people living with dementia. And they spoke about the importance of continuing their activities going forward.

The meeting reviewed how the Group can inform and influence policy and looked back at their public engagement work in 2022, particularly around the consultation on the fourth National Dementia Strategy. They also looked forward to the opportunities that would arise over the next year, including their participation in Alzheimer Scotland's Long Term Care Commission.



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Later in the day members held small group discussions to help develop their campaigning and awareness raising priorities for 2023/24. They reviewed their headline areas of focus and explored the detailed priorities they wish to pursue over the months ahead.

The day closed with a discussion with Alzheimer Scotland's Director of Policy & Practice, Jim Pearson, about the Long Term Care Commission and the important role that the SDWG will play in that work, particularly around public engagement with a broad range of people with lived experience



You can read more in the [Active Voice Annual Report 2022](#) about the work that the SDWG undertook last year to take forward their priorities and the Group's updated 2023/24 priorities will be published shortly.