## What's on April 2024– North Highland

Our Community Groups are there to be enjoyed by anyone living with dementia or experiencing difficulties with their memory, including their families and friends. All are welcome; people who can attend independently and/or, for those unable to do so should come with a companion who can provide any support for them. We are unable to transport for these groups and therefore it is your responsibility to get to and from this community activity, safely. Please speak to us, so we can support you to explore other transport options.

We are also here for you with a warm drink, food and company. We will be providing more coffee catch ups, or just pop in for a warm drink. Please see below for more details.

If you are unsure, or have questions about any of the groups, or have an idea for a new group, please let us know. All contact details are below.

In Person Group – Ross-shire & Sutherland				
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> of April	Dornoch all Carers peer support Group Free Church, Dornoch (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)  The group is hosted by Dementia Advisor Hayley and Malcolm from Connecting Carers. All unpaid carers welcome to meet others in similar situations over a cuppa. Contact Hayley	11.00-12.30pm		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of April	Dingwall Activities Group Dingwall Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre  Join us for some activities and a chance to meet others in similar situations for both people living with Dementia and Carers. Contact Hayley Please note this group is being held upstairs, please contact Hayley if you need additional support with this and adjustments can be made.	11.00am – 12.30pm		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of April	Dingwall all Carers peer support Group Dingwall Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre  The group is hosted by Lynne from Community contacts, Dementia Advisor Hayley and Stuart from Connecting Carers. All carers welcome to meet others in similar situations over a cuppa. Contact Hayley Please note this group is being held upstairs, please contact Hayley if you need additional support with this and adjustments can be made.	1.00pm – 2.30pm		

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Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> of April	Dingwall Activities Group  Dingwall Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre	
	Join us for some activities and a chance to meet others in similar situations for both people living with Dementia and Carers. Contact Hayley  Please note this group is being held upstairs, please contact Hayley if you need additional support with this and adjustments can be made.	11.00am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> of April	<b>Dingwall Dementia Café</b> Dingwall Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre	11.00am – 12.30pm
	Join us for a cuppa and a chance to meet other people living with dementia and carers. Hosted by your local Dementia Advisor for support and advice. Contact Hayley Please note this group is being held upstairs, please contact Hayley if you need additional support with this and adjustments can be made.	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> of April	Dornoch Dementia Café Free Church, Dornoch Join us for a cuppa and a chance to meet other people living with dementia and carers. Hosted by your local Dementia Advisor for support and advice. Contact Hayley	10.30am-12.00pm
In Person Group –	Caithness & Sutherland	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> of April	Thurso Activity Group Caithness Rugby Club, Millbank Road, Thurso  Join us for some activities and a chance to meet others in similar situations for both people living with Dementia and Carers. Contact Isobel	2.00-3.30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of April	Gentle exercise class and Lunch Hub Ormlie Community Centre, Thurso  Join us for a chair based gentle exercise class, all abilities welcome. Contact Isobel	11.00-13.00pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of April	Thurso Dementia Café  Community Café Thurso Harbour  A chance to meet over coffee and have a chat with others in a similar situation. Contact Isobel	2.00pm-3.00pm
Tuesday 23rd of April	Gentle exercise class and Lunch Hub Ormlie Community Centre, Thurso	11.00-13.00pm
	Join us for a chair based gentle exercise class, all abilities welcome. <b>Contact Isobel</b>	

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thurso Carer Support Group	2.00pm-3.00pm
of April	Thurso Library	
	All carers welcome to meet others in similar situations over a	
	cuppa. Contact Isobel	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> of	Thurso Activity Group	2.00-3.30pm
April	Caithness Rugby Club, Millbank Road, Thurso	
	Join us for some activities and a chance to meet others in	
	similar situations for both people living with Dementia and	
	Carers. Contact Isobel	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> of	Gentle exercise class and Lunch Hub	11.00-13.00pm
April	Ormlie Community Centre, Thurso	
	Join us for a chair based gentle exercise class, all abilities	
	welcome. Contact Isobel	

For those times when you cannot make it into the centre, or wish to attend some groups in person, and some online.

Please contact the person listed below the activity and they will send you the link to join.

Online Group		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> of April	Carers Support Group for people in long term care If you care for a loved one who lives in a care home, please join us online for peer support and advice. Contact Hayley	10.30am-11.30am
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> of April	Online Making Music Join us for some music and song from guest musicians. You can sing along at home. or just listen. Contact Diane	3pm-4pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Storytelling / Seanchas Online Come and join us online and we'll read some excerpts from books, have a chat and maybe listen to some tunes.  Contact Diane	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> of April	Highland Young Onset online Group If you are 65 years and under living with a diagnosis of Dementia, we invite you to join our online group to meet others in similar situations.  Contact Lesley	11.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of April	Doggie Bingo We will be joined by Imke and her dog Webb for a game of bingo.  Contact Diane	11.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> of April	Còmhradh agus Òrain Gàidhlig (Online Gaelic Conversation & Songs)  Come along for chat in Gaelic and enjoy listening or singing along at home to some Gaelic songs. With Margaret Nicolson. The group is open to anyone who is a Gaelic speaker or has an interest in Gaelic songs and language.  Contact Diane	2.00pm-3.00pm

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> of April	Reminiscence Bingo Join us for a fun game of bingo with a different theme each month.  Contact Eleanor or Diane	11.00am-12.00pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> of April	Online Carers Support Group Join us online to meet other carers in similar situations. Contact Hayley	10.30am-11.30am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> of April	Online Ceilidh Join us for a great ceilidh. Sing along at home if you like or sit back and enjoy the songs and tunes. All welcome to bring an instrument or sing a song.  Contact Diane	11.00am-12.00pm

## **Contact details for all groups:**

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