



1st International Symposium on Social Identity and Loneliness: Community-based approaches to loneliness reduction

In this, the inaugural symposium of the International Centre for Community-based Loneliness Prevention (ICCLP), we bring together academics from Japan, Australia and the UK with local stakeholders and practitioners in Nottingham/shire to set out an agenda for future research on tackling loneliness at local community level. Contributors will outline the current gaps in knowledge, propose new ways of understanding loneliness and demonstrate how current community-based initiatives and interventions help integrate and empower those suffering from loneliness. The outcome of the meeting will be to establish a broad consortium of academics and external partners to develop a series of proposals for the next generation of loneliness-reduction research.

Time	Speakers
9.30	Welcome Prof Neil Mansfield Executive Dean for Research Internationalisation (NTU)
9.35	Social connectedness and health Prof Catherine Haslam (University of Queensland)
Session One: Community Sheds in UK and Japan	
10.00	Men's Sheds: Connection, Conversation and Creation Charlie Bethel, CEO Men's Sheds Association UK (MSAUK)
10.15	Community Sheds Initiative in Japan Dr Ayahito Ito (Tohoku University)

10.25	<i>Empowering Retirees: The Story of a Men's Shed in Japan</i> Dr Risa Takashima (Hokkaido UNiversity)
10.35	<i>Crafting a Link to the Local Community: Men's Sheds in Mid-Nottinghamshire</i> Dr Niamh McNamara (NTU)
10.50	Coffee
Session Two: Social Prescribing and Loneliness Reduction	
11.10	<i>Tackling loneliness together: A three-tier social identity framework for social prescribing</i> Prof Alex Halsam (University of Queensland)
11.30	<i>Social Prescribing as 'Social Cure': The importance of the health benefits of social connectedness to practitioners and service users of a Social Prescribing pathway in Rushcliffe</i> Juliet Wakefield (NTU)
11.45	<i>Greenspace in Nottingham/shire</i> Amanda Chambers (Nottingham CVS)
Session Three: Place-based Approaches to Reducing Loneliness	
12.00	<i>Why Place Matters for Loneliness: Harnessing Local Community Identity to Reduce Loneliness in Ashfield</i> Prof Clifford Stevenson (NTU)
12.20	<i>A Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Approach to Collaboratively Tackling Loneliness</i> Kirsty Veitch-Sorsby (Tackling Loneliness Collaborative Lead Nottingham & Nottinghamshire)
12.30	Lunch and networking
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