Neighbourhood Networks

Partners In Policy Making

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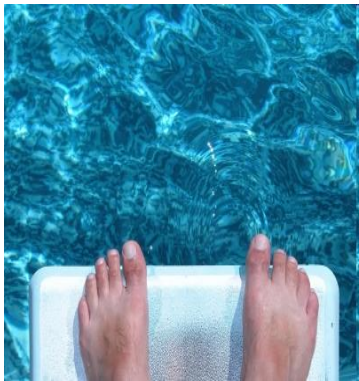
Vision

"our network Members
are connected to their communities,
sharing their skills and talents
and following their dreams
- together anything is possible"



Neighbourhood Network's History

- launched May 2001
- sister organisation of KeyRing active in England and Wales since 1990

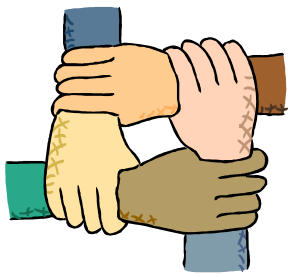
Mission

"through local networks of mutual support,
we will work with people in their
neighbourhoods
to deliver the support they require
to live independently in their own homes,
and to contribute to their communities"

Model

- network of people living in the same community
- members encouraged to support each other
- Community Living Worker living locally provides
  - support with personal issues, tasks
  - facilitation of mutual support, community connection, citizenship

Support & Facilitation

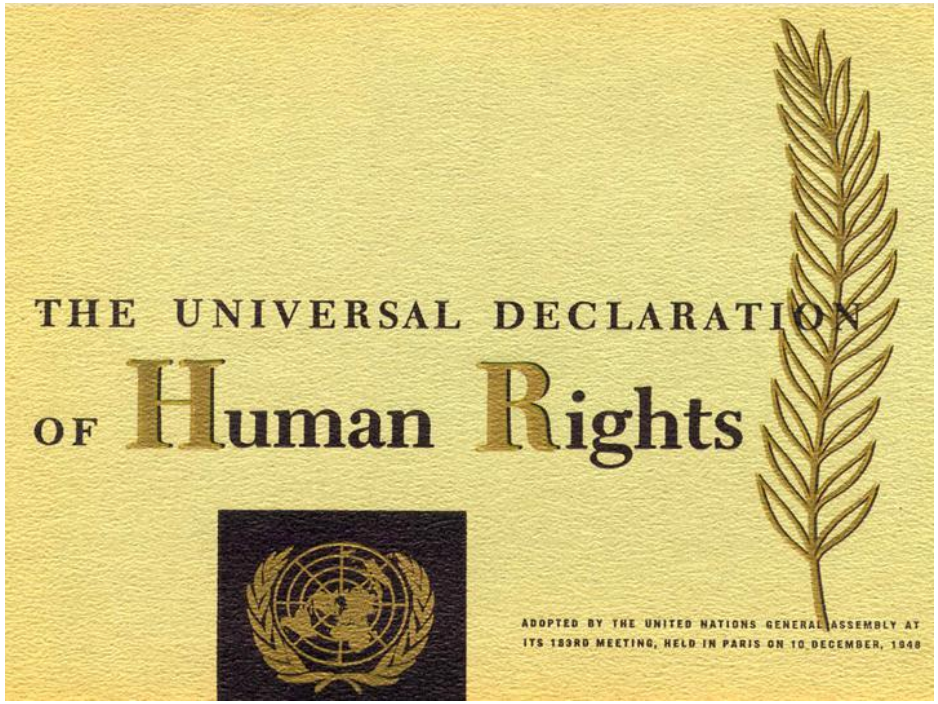


- flexible and negotiated between members and worker
- provided at different times of day/days of week depending on members' needs
- members encouraged to support one another
- support levels can be increased at short notice to meet crises as they occur

Rights

Members have the right to...

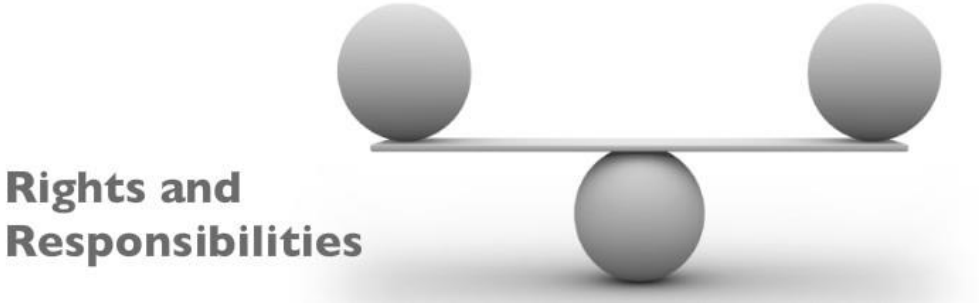
- Support
- Safety
- Respect
- Choice



Responsibilities

NN encourages members to take on responsibilities……

- **Code of Conduct**
- **Keeping in touch**
- **Peer Support**
- **Member Involvement**



Member Involvement

Principles

- people can do lots of things for themselves
- people can support each other
- people require support when they need it but not when they don't
- workers should be professional but also neighbours
- people don't need specialist services for all their needs
- people should aspire to ordinary housing in the community with full tenant rights and all the responsibilities that go with this

Where we are we now……..

- 11 Networks in North Lanarkshire
- 2 Networks in Glasgow
- 3 Networks in West Dumbarton
- 1 Network in East Ayrshire
- 2 Networks in East Renfrewshire

the essence of social networks

- "member-led" – **Developing Skills in Active Citizenship**
- they enable opportunities for **personal development**
  - "being stretched out of your comfort zone: it helps you grow"
  - "roller coaster: a bit scary but you want more"

Neighbourhood Networks

the essence of social networks

- they are **less costly** than other forms of public provision
- they provide **early warning** of crisis
- they **prevent isolation** and problems of loneliness and associated impact on health and wellbeing

the essence of social networks

- rather than “I need this from you”..... networks encourage “this is the way I want to live my life with your support”

- networks enable members to offer friendship and support as well as receive it boosting self esteem and confidence

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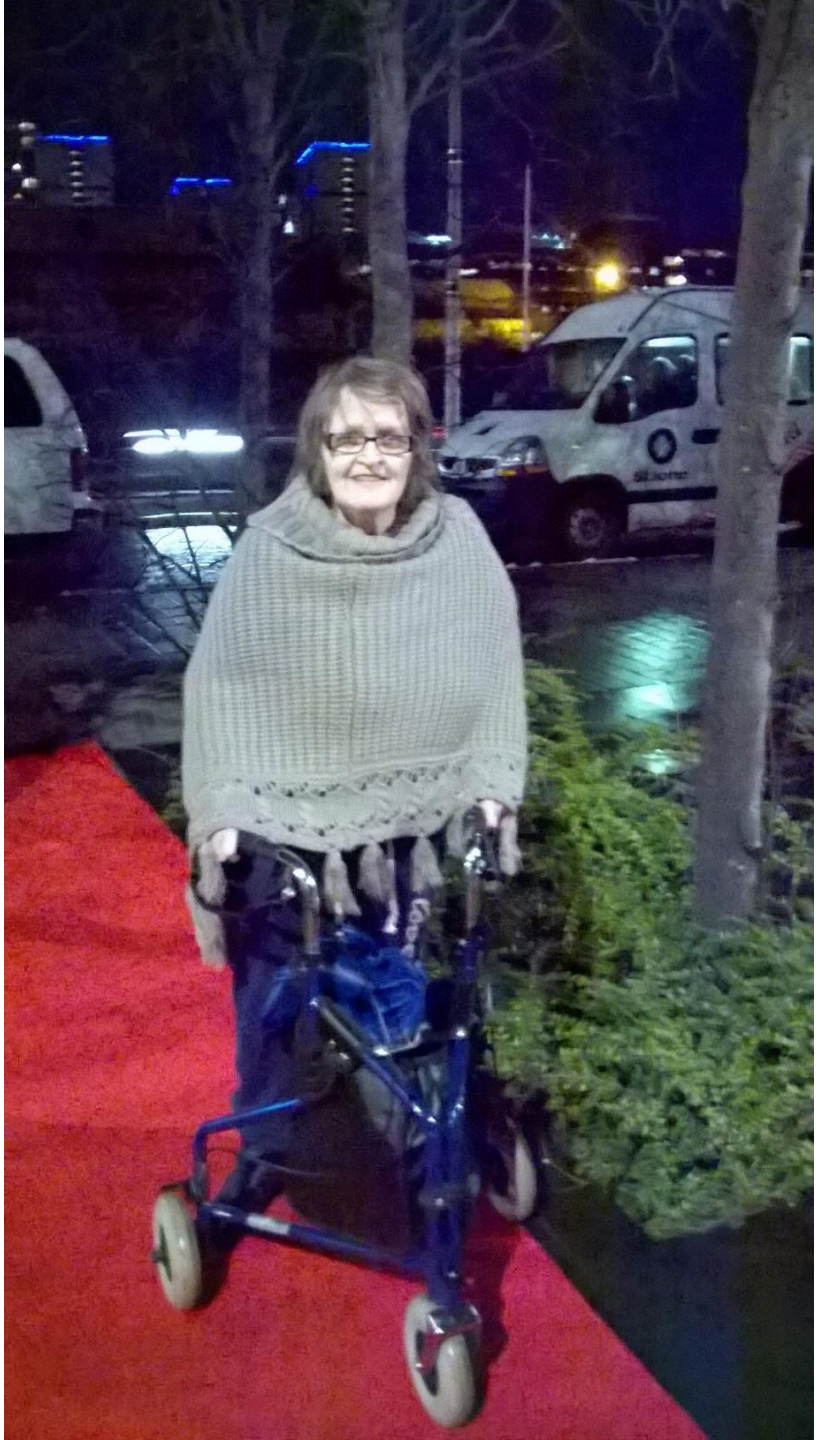
Verse 2
When I travel, on the bus and I'm alone,
I'm excited now but once I felt so scared.
I found courage, faced all of my many fears.
All the things that held me back throughout the years.
Now I'm living, living independently.
It's proof that anything's a possibility!



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