Creating Connections to tackle Social Isolation and Loneliness – Conference programme

Venue: Cloth Hall Court, Quebec Street, Leeds, LS1 2HA,

Date: Wednesday 06 November 2019, 10:00 – 15:30   *#endloneliness*

9:30 – 10:00	Registration & Tea / Coffee	
10:00 – 10:10	Chair's opening remarks	Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Director of Public Health, Kirklees Council
10:10 – 10:20	Opening Keynote: Working together to build strong and compassionate communities	Kim Leadbeater, Ambassador for The Jo Cox Foundation
10:20 – 10:50	Loneliness – a national public health response to the Government's Loneliness Strategy	Elaine Rashbrook, Consultant Specialist, Life Course and Public Health Lead for Social Isolation
10:50- 11:10	**Connecting the system:** Why a systems-wide approach to loneliness is needed	Robin Hewings, Director of Campaigns, Policy and Research, Campaign to End Loneliness
11:10 – 11:30	**Connecting research and evidence:** What works well and why: Tackling social isolation and loneliness across the life course	Andrea Wigfield, Director, Centre for Loneliness Studies at University of Sheffield
11:30 – 11:50	Coffee Connections (Break & Networking)	
11:10 – 11:30	**Connecting Place:** The Kirklees Approach: Making Loneliness Everyone's Business	Sharron McMahon, Health Improvement Practitioner (Advanced), Kirklees Council & Jill Greenfield, Head of Local Integrated Partnerships
12:15 – 12:45	**Connecting Communities:** Harnessing the power of communities to tackle social isolation…what we do and what support do we need? **Connecting People** - A reflection on impact – A personal story	Mike Niles, Befriender/Founder at b:friend with invited guests
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch	

13:30 – 13:45	Q&A Panel	Speakers from the morning session
13:50 – 14:40	Parallel sessions (2 x 20 minutes) showcasing good practice across the life course.	Various
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee Connections (Break and Networking)	
15:00 – 15:20	Plenary Workshop – What have you heard, what next?	Gerard Savva, Director, Magpie
15:20 – 15:30	Summary and next steps - Close	