

The Work of Care, 11th March, St Michael's House, Coventry City Centre

The Political Studies Association Research Commission into the Crisis of Care in Austerity Britain is currently gathering evidence concerning the impact of government spending cuts on the adult social care sector. As part of our evidence gathering activities, we are running the one day event 'the work of care'. The event will focus on the important work of care workers and unpaid carers in the delivery of care to older people and the challenges that workers in the sector face.

You can find out more about the work of the Commission at www.commissiononcare.org

The event will focus on three issues:

- (a) The current challenges and pressures faced by care workers delivering services to older people.
- (b) The important and often unacknowledged work of unpaid carers of older people.
- (c) The experience of caring for older people in Britain's black, Asian and ethnic minority communities.

The event will be chaired and moderated by Belinda Phipps of the Fawcett Society.

This event is sponsored by the Political Studies Association of the UK and the University of Warwick.

Location details

St Michaels' House is a red brick building located next to Coventry Cathedral. If you need directions, then please just ask at the front desk of the new Cathedral.

Programme

10.30 am to 10.45am Welcome and Opening comments from Belinda Phipps (Chair, Fawcett Society) and other commissioners

Session 1 Care workers

10.45am-11.15 am Caring in Coventry's care sector

Kerrie Saunders (works in a Coventry residential care home) and George Sands (UNISON Coventry City Branch)

-----Tea break, 15 mins -----

11.30am-12.15pm Keynote talk from Shereen Hussein – Kings College London – Principal Research Fellow (Chair) at King's College London Social Care Workforce Research Unit

“Ageing demographics and social care workforce challenges at a time of political and economic turbulence”

30 min talk and 15 min Q&A

-----Lunch 12.15-1-----

Session 2 Carers

1-1.30pm: Caring for older people with dementia – the work of the Alzheimer's Society in Coventry Lesley Cooke, Alzheimer's Society Coventry, Dementia Navigator and Nicki Fraser, Carer

1.30- 2.15 Caring for older people after hospital discharge –“The SHARED study: A study of the experiences of service provision from two NHS Trusts by older people with memory loss and their carers after a stay in hospital, and the development of service user led recommendations”

Dr. Carole Mockford (Warwick University) and lay researchers (former carers): Sue Boex, Yvonne Diment, Richard Grant and Uma Sharma.

-----Tea Break 15 minutes-----

2.30-4.30pm The work of Care in BAME Communities

Session will focus on the challenges that BAME carers face and strategies to support them

David Truswell – Chair Culture Dementia UK

Nnanna Uwakwe – Alzheimer's Society Connecting Communities Project lead Whaltham Forest

Uma Sharma – Worked as Carers Support and Development Manager for Coventry Carers's Centre for 20 years

(Eddie Chan – BME health network director and Director of the Chinese National Healthy Living Centre will also be able to take questions)

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