



Encouraging Togetherness and Learning in Dementia Care



**Providing high quality and
affordable dementia training**

What do you look for in dementia training?

- Are you looking for dementia training that makes a real difference to the lives of people living with dementia?
- Do you want training delivered by people who are passionate about supportive dementia care environments?
- Would you like courses to build empathy and compassion, enabling learners to empower people with dementia and their family carers?
- Are you keen to ensure that training is mapped to the new QCF training modules on dementia?

If these are things that matter to you, Dementia Pathfinders can help.

Learning with the experts

Our expert trainers: Dementia Pathfinders has a large pool of highly experienced associate trainers who specialise in dementia and have a track record of delivering courses that make a difference. Our associate trainers are required to keep their knowledge of dementia and workforce needs up-to-date.



Learning with the real experts: the people who know most about dementia are those who have lived with it on a daily basis. We aim to raise awareness of the lives of people with dementia and their carers by allowing learners to listen to their stories. We do this through involving carers and people with dementia directly on training courses, and also through making films where people with dementia and carers talk about their lives. We have advisors who have a diagnosis or are caring for someone with dementia. Our learners have told us that hearing a person with dementia or carer talk about their lives transformed their outlook and gave them fresh motivation in their work.

Working alongside you to meet your learning needs

We have learning partnerships with independent providers and public sector bodies in health and social care at local and national level. We provide a bespoke service and can adapt courses to meet your needs. We start with you, finding out about the context and learning needs you have identified and designing courses to meet these.

We can provide training for those who have limited contact with people with dementia, as well as workers with more substantial caring responsibilities. We also offer education and information sessions to family members wanting to learn more about dementia.

Offering a wide range of courses

Whether you are looking for short courses on dementia awareness or longer accredited programmes, Dementia Pathfinders can help. We are constantly developing new titles in response to the needs of learning partners.

Short courses

Our trainers have a variety of backgrounds and specialist interests which allows us to deliver courses on a broad range of topics, including:

- dementia awareness
- advanced skills in dementia care
- management of dementia care services
- nutrition and dementia
- communication skills
- person-centred approaches to dementia care
- responding to stress-related behaviour
- activities in dementia
- music and dance in dementia
- supporting family carers of people with dementia
- learning disability and dementia
- end of life dementia care
- life story work
- reminiscence in dementia
- sight loss and dementia
- the environment and dementia
- depression and dementia
- the law and dementia
- spirituality in dementia
- diversity and dementia
- safeguarding and dementia



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Action learning projects

We can deliver action learning in a variety of contexts. Our associate trainers are highly experienced practitioners, able to support organisations on a journey of development towards enriched dementia care. We can advise and support on all areas of care provision tailoring our service towards meeting identified needs. This might include: management and team work; therapeutic activity; the environment; food and mealtimes; involving people with dementia and carers in achieving excellence.

Leadership in dementia care

We have developed a leadership training programme for those working at senior level in dementia care. This has been mapped to the National Skills Academy guidance on leadership training.

Open courses

We have an extensive programme of open courses which is offered in various locations across the UK. If you are looking for training on specialist topics, exploring among other things the role of the arts and innovative therapeutic approaches in dementia care, please visit our website for more details of the current programme of Dementia Pathfinders' courses.

Accredited programmes

We are able to deliver the following QCF programmes, enabling participants to gain

qualifications as they learn and demonstrate their expertise in dementia care:

- **Level 2 Award in Awareness of Dementia Care**
- **Level 3 Award in Awareness of Dementia Care**
- **Level 2 Award in Supporting Activity Provision in Social Care**

Our awarding body is OCN London. Units can be offered as Awards or in combination. We deliver the qualifications in a format which allows learners to reflect on the real lives of people they support and new ways in which their service can nurture and celebrate the uniqueness of each service user with dementia. The style of delivery allows time for sharing of experiences within groups so that learners can support and learn from one another.

Costs

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