



We Support People with Dementia

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Local Alliances for People with Dementia

Up to 500 local alliances for people with dementia shall be established throughout Germany by autumn 2016. The federal pilot programme, sponsored by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, aims at permanently improving the everyday lives of people with dementia and their relatives.

Who may join a local alliance for people with dementia?

There are no restrictions in terms of the organisational form. The aim is to actively establish networks and to further develop already existing ones. The target group called upon in this context includes, e.g. municipalities, associations, churches, communities, multigenerational homes, hospitals, health professionals, cultural institutions, enterprises, senior citizens' offices and self-help organisations.

Who receives sponsoring?

Organisations, institutions and responsible bodies had been invited to apply for the annual selection procedures until the end of February 2016. The locations are selected in collaboration with the Federal Laender. The sponsoring period is two years with a sponsoring amount of altogether €10,000 for that work.

In 2012 local alliances were launched in 23 multigenerational houses which had been selected by a competition jury and had been sponsored as pilot projects. After further annual application periods open for all responsible bodies (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016), about 500 active local alliances are in place as from 01 September 2016.

On 01 September 2016, 122 further local alliances started their work in the course of the fifth and last sponsoring period. The focus of their work is on intergenerational assistance, specific support of younger dementia patients, i.e. middle-aged people with dementia, and the inclusion of associations, physicians and hospitals serving as contact and networking partners.

What are the goals of the initiative?

By initiating the project, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth seeks to promote innovative ideas for integrating people with dementia into society.

- Fundamental principles and information: Broadening and disseminating the knowledge about dementia
- Social responsibility: Raising the societal and individual awareness for the needs of dementia patients
- Support of those affected and their families: Encouraging self-determination of people with dementia and contributing to the appreciation of family caregivers
- Structuring of the support and care system: Improving the care of people with dementia

This implies the uniting and networking of the potentials of civil society, politics, administrative authorities and the health care system to better meet the needs of dementia patients and their relatives. In this context, awareness of the different needs of male and female dementia patients is particularly desired.

Key issues in the local networks:

- Local government networking
- Long-term care and medical care (outpatient and residential institutions)
- Migration and dementia
- Culture and dementia

Initiative ‚DemenzPartner‘

Many local alliances offer courses in line with the initiative ‘DemenzPartner’ of the German Alzheimer’s Association (DAIzG).

What is the background of the Federal pilot programme?

Up to 1.6 million people are suffering from dementia in Germany today. This number could rise to up to three million by 2050.

Against the backdrop of the demographic change, caring for dementia patients imposes an ever-increasing challenge for our health care system and social services. Supporting dementia patients and their relatives will thus be among the most important future tasks of our society.

The local alliances for people with dementia shall have a lasting impact in the immediate environment of those affected. Thus they shall ensure that dementia patients and their relatives are not excluded from society but respected in a caring and sympathetic manner according to their needs. People with dementia shall receive individual help and support.

Further information on the local alliances for people with dementia and the application procedure at: www.lokale-allianzen.de