



Our Dementia Choir - with Vicky McClure

Recruiting For New Choir Members

Following the recent success of the two BBC Documentaries 'Vicky McClure's Dementia Choir' and having recently registered as a Charity in its own right, Our Dementia Choir Trustees are looking to recruit new members with immediate effect.

Rehearsals for the Choir started again at the end of September 2021, following a year and a half of rehearsals over zoom, due to the Covid pandemic.

All members of the Choir have received a formal diagnosis of dementia and are at varying stages of the disease. New members will also need to have received a diagnosis of a type of dementia, as we know there are many, and be living in Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City or immediate surrounding county areas.

Recruitment to the choir is one of our key priorities to ensure that we are able to engage as many people living with dementia and give them the opportunity to be part of this wonderful group.

Choir members need to have a passion and love for singing and music, with some current/past experience of being a 'good performer'. Experience does not have to have been undertaken in a professional context, but members may have been, in some way, confident in singing/performing on stage or in front of a group of people at some point.

The Choir is a very supportive, family orientated environment and new members will be welcomed into a unique group of people living with dementia, supported by their families, friends and carers. Most of all, the room is always filled with love and laughter whenever we meet! For more information on the choir you can visit our website <https://www.ourdementiachoir.com/>

Carers need to be committed to support choir members to attend rehearsals and performances as required – whether that be a family member, friend or other carer. It is important to be aware the we are a 'performing choir' and the sessions, whilst are informal, do lead to rehearsing for various performances throughout the year. Support will be given for transport arrangements or other accessible needs as required and refreshments are always provided at every session. Rehearsals are held on a fortnightly basis on Wednesdays starting at 10.30a.m. and currently held at Springwater Golf Club in Calverton, Nottinghamshire.

Whilst being a member of the Choir, there will be times when filming, photography and other media forms will be undertaken and used in the public domain, where members, their carers' and families will be asked to participate and record their journey of living with dementia. However, we are aware of the sensitivity required around this and will always protect and ensure that this is carried out professionally and with the permissions required.

If you are interested in joining this fabulous group, we would kindly ask you to complete a details form for us and send back to Karen Bonser, Charity Manager by email.

Email To secretary@ourdementiachoir.com