



We Support Persons with Dementia

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Local Alliances for Persons with Dementia

By the year 2016, Germany is to have up to 500 local alliances for persons with dementia located all over the country. The Federal pilot programme funded by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth is intended to secure long-term improvements in the everyday life of persons with dementia and their relatives.

Who can join a local alliance for persons with dementia?

There are no limits to this organisational form; the aim is to actively create networks and to develop existing ones further. The call is going out to: municipalities, associations, church communities, multi-generational homes, hospitals, doctors, cultural institutions, enterprises, senior citizens' offices and self-help organisations.

How and when does funding take place?

From now until 2016, organisations, institutions and other relevant bodies can participate in an annual selection process. The locations are selected in co-operation with the federal Laender. The funding period is two years, during which the work is supported financially with a total sum of 10,000 euros.

What are the objectives of the initiative?

Through this project, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth seeks to promote innovative ideas on the social inclusion of persons with dementia.

- Fundamentals and information: expanding and spreading knowledge of the disease of dementia
- Societal responsibility: making the society and individuals aware of the needs of persons with dementia
- Furnishing support for affected persons and their families, fostering the self-determination of persons with dementia and contributing to society's appreciation of care-giving relatives
- Organisation of the support and health care system: improving the care of persons with dementia

The focus here is on grouping and networking the potential held out by civil society, politics, administration and the health care system for better meeting the needs of persons with dementia and their relatives. In this context, sensitivity for the different needs of men and women with dementia is especially desirable.

What is the background of the federal pilot programme?

Today, up to 1.5 million persons with dementia live in Germany. This number could rise to up to three million by the year 2050. Caring for persons with dementia is increasingly becoming one of the major challenges faced by our health care and social systems in the light of demographic change. For this reason, providing support for persons with dementia and their relatives is set to be one of the most important tasks our society will be facing in the future.

The local alliances for persons with dementia are meant to exert a long-term influence on the immediate environment in which the affected persons live so that persons with dementia and their relatives do not become socially excluded but are accepted with consideration and understanding, in keeping with their needs. Persons with dementia are to receive individual assistance and support.

For more information on Local Alliances for Persons with Dementia and the application details, go to: www.lokale-allianzen.de