

Who we are

The Lived Experience Network South East Ontario is an open community of people living with dementia or similar diagnoses and families/care partners, sharing their lived experiences, advice and input with the health care community and with each other.

Our goal

Exchanging Knowledge, Partnering for Change.

The Lived Experience Network South East Ontario members engage in both regular group and individual conversations, acting as a "knowledge bank", in hopes of enhancing services across the region. Input and suggestions for change will be shared with healthcare and community support services professionals who provide, plan and evaluate services in the community, hospitals, long term and primary care.

Lived Experience Facilitator

Sharon Osvald, our Lived Experience Facilitator, was the first Facilitator and part of the launch of the Lived Experience Network South East Ontario from 2013-2018, drawing on her ten years of lived experiences supporting her mother through dementia in the home, hospital and long-term care. Sharon has gained experience working for the Alzheimer Society and she continues to work part time at an Adult Day Program.

Sharon returned to her role as the Lived Experience Facilitator in January 2024 and understands from both a lived experience and professional perspective how great the needs are in this community.

Get involved

Online: Visit <u>livedexperiencenetworkseo.ca</u> for info about how to join one of our regular Advisory Zoom Lived Experience chats.

Phone or email: Contact Sharon by phone on Mondays or Fridays at 343-645-6240 or email your own personal lived experience story and suggestions for change.

Contact

You can phone or leave a message with Sharon Osvald at 343-645-6240 OR leave a message for her with the Alzheimer Society of KFLA office at: 1-800-266-7516 Email: sosvald@alzking.com



The Lived Experience Network South East Ontario is a cooperative effort of the Alzheimer Societies of SE Ontario in collaboration with Providence Care Community Seniors Mental Health Behavioural Support Services. Website: livedexperiencenetworkseo.ca