In 2013, over 300,000 over 75s were believed to have spent Christmas Day alone (Royal Voluntary Service, 2014). Christmas events may provide a sense of social belonging for older people who would otherwise be alone at this time of year. If you work with older people and want to know more about developing and evaluating Christmas events in local communities then this symposium is for you.

**Book your place:** [http://community-christmas29jul.eventbrite.com](http://community-christmas29jul.eventbrite.com)

12:30 – 1:00 Arrival and lunch

1:00 – 1:15 Welcome and introduction to the afternoon

1:15 - 1:45 Developing and supporting community Christmas events Caroline Billington (Community Christmas)

1:45 - 2:15 Salford Community Christmas: evaluative research findings from an event for older people living with dementia and their carers Dr Tracy Collins (The University of Salford)

2:15 – 2:30 Coffee

2:30 – 3:00 Building on existing community events: community Passover meals Mark Cunningham (The FED)

3:00 – 3:30 Engaging the community in managing GP demands: the legacy of Christmas events Sheinaz Stansfield (Practice manager NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG)

3:30 – 4:00 Benefits, challenges and next steps (Group discussion)

4:00 – 4:30 Plenary, evaluation and close

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