

Social Connectedness

- ✦ For Older People

- ✦ Abbeyfield



Options for Older People

- ☀ Needs analysis
 - ❖ Health
 - ❖ Well being
 - ❖ Housing
 - ❖ Companionship

Dimensions

- ✦ Growing proportion of population
- ✦ An explosion with the “Baby Boomers”
- ✦ Differing expectations



Social needs

- ✦ It's coming
- ✦Ready or not



Option - Abbeyfield Concept

- ✦ Providing companionship
- ✦ For those with Independence
- ✦ Like “Flatting for Oldies”



How it started?

- ☀ Life changing encounter
- ☀ Did something about it
- ☀ When will the need be met?



Outcomes

- ☀ Live
- ❖ Better
- ❖ Longer
- ❖ Less resources
- ❖ Good for taxpayer
- ❖ Dignity of person



Risks

- ☀ Community based
- ☀ Volunteer supported
- ☀ Autonomous
- ☀ Spontaneous to changing needs



Ask the Residents

- ★ Why are you there?
- ★ Would you recommend it to others?
- ★ What would you like to see changed?



Questions from the Participants

☀ In order to fulfill the expectation of today what do you want to know ?.....

☀ **Moving forward....**



