Ceilidh Chome



Making sure nobody faces dementia alone.

What we set out to do

Our aim was to identify people in need of support and deliver high quality, interactive and therapeutic ceilidh@home visits. These visits were prioritised for people in advanced stages of dementia and their families who still lived at home and could no longer attend our activities and services in the community.

What we did

Initially we secured funding to allow the project to run for 3 years from 2017– 2020 and in early 2020 (pre covid), it became a permanent part of our services. We launched in 2018 and were quickly supporting up to 15 families at any one time.

Who was involved

A small team of dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters in the Western Isles. We worked closely with our colleagues in health and social care as well as support from our local MSP Dr Alasdair Allan. We were funded by Stornoway Trust, Co Op Community fund and SSEN.

Outcomes and learning

We quickly learned that there are other barriers for people living with dementia and their carers at all stages of their journey including mobility, stress/distress, lack of transport, loneliness and social isolation.

