

Swindon Carers Centre helps carers know their rights!



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Carers Rights Day, 29th November 2013



The theme for Carers Rights Day this year is 'rights, advice, support' focusing on ensuring carers understand their rights and get access to good quality advice that can support them to care. Swindon Carers Centre is holding 2 events to mark Carers Rights Day this year.

The first, a “**Corporate Event**”, will take place on Monday 25th November from 08.00am-09.30am at [The Core Juice Bar](#), Devizes Road, Old Town. It will focus on businesses in Swindon, explaining the importance of recognising, acknowledging and valuing carers in the community and workplace; and exploring new avenues for employee volunteering and fundraising. Robert Buckland MP (South Swindon) will be hosting this event with us and speaking alongside Tony Martin, Volunteer Development Manager at Zurich Community Trust. **If you would like to register for this event, please fill in this short form: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCC_business_event**

(If you can't come but would like someone else to attend from your business, please forward the link above to a colleague. If you can't come this time, but would like to be invited to a future event, please fill in your details, and tick the relevant box in the last question).

The second event - on Carers Rights Day itself - is for carers between 10am-2pm at [Citifaith Church](#) in Regent Street, and will involve an update on the national picture in relation to carers and how it affects carers at a local level here. There will also be the opportunity of discussing key issues affecting carers with health and social care leaders in Swindon, including Lyn McDermott from SBC, Rob Nicholls from GWH and Heather Mitchell from SEQOL. We will also have free health checks available. To register for this event, please contact 01793 531133.

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More follows...

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Notes to editors

- Carers Rights Day is a national event organised by the charity Carers UK, a national charity who represent, support and speak up for the estimated 6.4 million carers in the UK
- Swindon Carers Centre is part of the national network of the Carers Trust with 144 such centres across the UK
- SCC offers help and support to people in Swindon who have caring responsibilities
- There are approximately 19,000 carers of all ages (including children and young people) in the Borough of Swindon and Swindon Carers Centre is available to provide them with much needed support, help and information

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