

WSPD BwD running order of events 10th September 2019 – 10:55am start

1. 10:55 – Cathedral

- Welcome from a member of Cathedral clergy, explaining that there will be a chance to light a candle, and that shoes will be carried to the town hall, representing those who have taken their own lives. There will be pairs of shoes on the chancel steps, and candle stands either side.
- A brief (2-3 mins) input from Tony Harrison on the importance of the day
- A brief, reflective organ piece
- An opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have died, introduced by a member of Cathedral clergy, with a prayer
- Silence is kept, ending with another final prayer
- 11.10am - those who have agreed to carry shoes will collect them from the chancel steps, and all will walk to the Town Hall, arriving by 11.25am.

2. Arrive Town Hall 11:25

11:30 – Opening address – Sayyed Osman, Director of Adult Services and Prevention

11:34 – Leader of the Council address

11:38 – Sayyed Osman to introduce the 40 second silence

11:40 - 40 second silence

11:41 – Placement of shoes in front of town hall with voice over (explaining the significance of the empty shoes)

Speakers

11:46 – Cllr Zamir Khan, assistant elected member for public health and wellbeing; mental health champion

The following speakers are people who have set up projects to help the residents of BwD showing that BwD is pro-active in suicide prevention and working hard to make the borough a suicide safer community

11:49 – Caitlin Jones and Cllr Julie Slater (initiated a ‘drop –in’ at The Vault public house in Darwen) – targeting all ages / community groups

11:52 – Kerry Cameron from The Billy Project – a ‘women only’ gym, awarded funding from the NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS suicide and self-harm prevention innovation fund

11:55 – Ahmed Emam from Inter Madrassah Organisation – running a project supporting Muslim men, awarded funding from the NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS suicide and self-harm prevention innovation fund

11:58 – Amy Bond, Lancashire MIND – providing an update on the Time to Change Blackburn with Darwen ‘reducing stigma in mental health’ hub

12:01 – Short entertainment production

12:06 – Sayyed Osman to close event

For information:

- All the secondary schools will send at least 2 pupils and staff from each school
- Police may be present
- North West Ambulance Service will be present
- Samaritans will be present
- Most people trained in ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) will be present