# WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY 2024

#### **#Start the conversation**

This years World Suicide Prevention Day is focused on changing the narrative. Understanding the importance of starting the conversation and how this can be done.

### RECOGNISE THE WARNING SIGNS

- Watch out for changes in someones personality or behaviour
- Withdrawing from others
- Someone putting their affairs in order
- Self destructive behaviour



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#### LISTENING TO PEOPLE

- Listening to people helps them understand you care.
- Show empathy to the person, you do not need to know all the answers.

### ASK THE QUESTION WHEN APPROPRIATE

- Do not be afraid to ask someone if they are thinking of suicide
- This does not make them more likely to have suicidal thoughts
- It is a very important question to ask



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#### **KEEP CHECKING IN**

- regular check ins are important to understand how someone is feeling
- suicidal thoughts and behaviour cant return at any point and its important to have someone to open up to

## KNOW WHAT TO DO IN CRISIS

- If someone is at immediate risk of suicide, dial **999**
- If someone is having thoughts of suicide, encourage them to call Samaritans on 116 123, or text 'SHOUT' to 85258.



