



M.E. Support (IOM)

IOM Registered Charity Number 381

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Forthcoming Events: *Please invite family and friends*

Saturday 26 June - 2.00pm: - Textile Card Making activity with Pat Kelly. A very popular and simple craft afternoon. All materials will be provided. Onchan Methodist Church Lounge.

Saturday 24 July - 12.00 Noon: - Lunch at the Whitestone Pub, Ballasalla.

Saturday 14 August - 2.00pm: - Tea and Cake at the Milntown Café, Lezayre Road, Ramsey.

Debate in the House of Keys and Tynwald Protest

On Wed 19 May Graham Cregeen proposed a full day debate in the House of Keys discussing the lack of support for ME sufferers. Former GP Champion Helen Greig was called to give evidence. During the debate the Minister for DHSC, David Ashford, committed to working closely with ME Support (IOM) to provide an integrated community based service where people can be promptly and accurately diagnosed and supported.



The previous day about 50 of our members and supporters held a protest outside Government Buildings to highlight the concerns. Prior to the debate our campaign team, with assistance from many experts from UK, had worked with executives from DHSC and Manx Care, and had suggested proposals for a possible service. They had given a presentation to all MHK's to inform the debate. About 30 of our members had kindly agreed to share their life stories, which were given to MHK's so that they could really understand the impact of this condition.

At our AGM on 22 May, all existing members of the committee were re-elected. We also welcomed Juan Corlett to join the committee. He was an enormous help in promoting the Tynwald Debate, and he has now joined our Campaign Team.

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