## Paths for All Annual General Meeting

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### What if there was a perfect drug called Fiterix

- Major effect on the faulty immune system reducing the pro-inflammatory markers of anti-TNF factor, C Reactive Protein and IL-6.
- Increases antioxidants and reduces the oxidative stress from Krebb's Cycle in each mitochondria as measured by reduction in 8hydroxydeoxyguanosine (8-OHdG)
- Prolongs the life of cells by stimulating Temelorase and lengthening the telomeres at the end of each Chromosome hence prolonging cell life.
- Reduces blood pressure, visceral fat, obesity, fibrinogen, blood pressure, and HDL/LDL ratio and can reduce the atheroma in each coronary artery
- Stimulation of Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor Increases repair of neurons in the brain and promotes neural generation and increases grey and white matter with enlarging the Hippocampus.
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# Fiterix

# Fiterix (aka going for a walk)

### **Triple Strength**

Activity Friendship Nature

# Our factory setting is to be in a sociable group, supportive environment and have a purpose

#### People



Connect

Place





Take Notice

#### Purpose



Autonomy

Be Active, Give Keep Learning



#### How does nature benefit health?

(a) Less stressed,

(b) More exercise,

(c) More positive social interactions and

(d) Better quality environment for health promotion (i.e. has lower levels of air pollution)

Hartig T., Mitchell R., De Vries S. and Frumkin H. (2014) Nature and health. Annual Review of Public Health 35, 207–228.









#### Fear and Chronic Stress



# "We work to improve physical, mental and social health" Paths for All

- The experience of loneliness is stressful.
- Chronic stress, via its effects on the endocrine and immune systems, enhances risk of long term conditions, (similar risk as smoking 20 cigs a day for CVD)
- Lonelier people experience more sleep disturbances and engage in less physical activity than less lonely people with increased pain, depression, fatigue and poor health.

Jaremka, L.M., Fagundes, C.P., Glaser, R., Bennett, J.M., Malarkey, W.B. and Kiecolt-Glaser, J.K., 2013. Loneliness predicts pain, depression, and fatigue: understanding the role of immune dysregulation. Psychoneuroendocrinology, 38(8), pp.1310-1317



#### Inactivity and chronic stress

 Chronic psychosocial stress, increases the risk of physical inactivity and contributes to the epidemic of disease.

Tsatsoulis, A. and Fountoulakis, S., 2006. The protective role of exercise on stress system dysregulation and comorbidities. Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, 1083(1), pp.196-213.



Chronic Stress Loneliness

**Inactivity** Poor diet Obesity Smoking



#### **Chronic Stress**

#### Stress Hormones

Inactivity Poor diet Obesity Smoking

#### Chronic Inflammation

Mitochondria as a key component of the stress response. Manoli et al. Trends in Endocrinology and Metabolism Vol 18 No 5 2007



#### Inflammation: The cause of Causes





#### Walking reduces inflammation

#### 1. Reduces visceral fat

2. Reduces antiinflammatories

#### 3. Damages healthy cells



#### Inactivity: trilogy of inflammation







### Reducing inflammation – fat

Variation in visceral fat content in men with the same waist circumference



Visceral fat = 1.2 L



Visceral fat = 1.8 L



Visceral fat = 0.5 L



Visceral fat = 1.3 L



Visceral fat = 4.2 L



Visceral fat = 1.1 L



Visceral fat = 1.7 L



Visceral fat = 4.3 L



### Visceral fat reduction with exercise

#### Fat loss after 13 weeks of walking 60 mins a day and no weight loss



Lee S et al. J Appl Physiol 2005;99:1220-1225



#### Inactivity: trilogy of inflammation





#### Reducing inflammation – muscles

Contracting muscles release powerful anti-inflammatories called Myokines These Myokines Circulate around the whole body calming every cell

#### Inactivity: trilogy of inflammation

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#### Inside a healthy cell

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Chromosomes keep dividing

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Mitochondria, healthy and active. Providing lots of energy

Immune system is switched off until needed



#### Sedentary, high fat diet and stress







### Physically active, low fat and not stressed







#### Telomeres get shorter

Epel, Elissa, et al. Can meditation slow rate of cellular aging? Cognitive stress, mindfulness, and telomeres. Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences 1172.1 (2009): 34-53



#### Senescence: the end of the cell







# We have a new disease that conventional medicine cannot treat

# Chronic Inflammation



# Physical Activity clears all CVD risk from patients with Diabetes

Follow up of 53,973 Norwegian Men (recruited 1995). Adjusted for weight, 1,750 deaths from CVD in 2008. Less than 3 hours vs more than 3 hours a week of Physical Activity



Moe B et al Diabetes Care March 2013 vol. 36 no. 3 690-695



# Single Sessions of Physical Activity can enhance Attention and Memory



After 20 minutes of sitting quietly After 20 minutes of walking

Hillman et al. (2009). Neuroscience, 159, 1044-1054



### **Epigenetics**

A potential father who becomes active will alter his genes in the sperm. This can lead to better brain function and lower risk of diabetes in future generations. Genome-wide sperm DNA

methylation changes after 3 months of exercise Denham et al Epigenomics 2015



#### Pathway of Ill Health



Mitochondrial damage, telomere shortening, and chronic inflammation

Cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, depression

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kY</u>





#### When everyone stays indoors



Place

#### Purpose

**Chronic stress** 

Lack of walking

Poor concentration, tiredness, irritability, addiction, depression, weakness, chronic inflammation

Unsafe streets, poor air quality, reduced learning and productivity, dependence on others, less volunteering, isolation,



#### When walking becomes central





### Should Happiness be the goal

- Happiness was famously analyzed by Aristotle as being the sole ultimate goal of human existence, meaning that he viewed it the only thing important in its own right, not merely as a means to an end.
- If physical activity is the sole ultimate goal then it may compromise happiness and creates anxiety and a sense of failure if not achieved.
- But if being active is a tool to achieve happiness then it remains sustainable.



# The focus has moved physical activity from a venue based strategy ...





# ... to a community based activity where activity happens everywhere

But to get real scale we need to get lots of people becoming activity leaders themselves



Let's get Bob active

We can give him NHS treatment

'Bob, why don't you get off the bus a stop early?'

'Bob, you really should take the stairs instead of the lift'

'Bob, why don't you try Betty's keep fit class on a Tuesday?'



'Bob, have you tried cycling to the shops?'



Or we can link him with a group of supporters who walk 2 miles to Anfield



and to Bob, that is not exercise or health





#### 900,000+ Over Three Years

#### Beat the Street Level of Engagement

East Sussex 44,775 Belfast 36,326 Hounslow: 29,702 Annan/Stranraer 38% of population

### 300,000+ In 2016 & 2017



#### Beat the Street inactive matched pairs 12 month data shows increase in activity



#### Beat The Street Dumfries 6 month later

- There was a 10% increase in the proportion of people agreeing or strongly agreeing with the statement "Living in this neighbourhood gives me a sense of community"
- There was 11% increase in the proportion of people agreeing or strongly agreeing with the statement "I feel like I belong to this neighbourhood"

Partnership Connection Guide Communication Social Decisions Trust **COMMUNITY** Team Relation Togethemess People and Organization of Togethemess People and Organization Society Network Unity and Organization of Teamwork Collaboration and Organization Neighborhood Interaction Unified



### Cycling Dumfries (6 months later)

- There was a 24% increase in cycling by participants aged 50+ (N=136; P < 0.001).
- 6 months later there remained a 29% increase in the proportion of participants aged 50+ who reported cycling in the past week
- There was a 18% increase in the proportion of players aged 50+ walking for travel on six or seven days in the past week (N = 134, P < 0.001)</li>





Days of Physical Activity (Baseline)





### Summary

- We live in a stressful environment
- Isolation disconnection to nature and lack of purpose create chronic stress.
- Chronic stress causes poor health behaviour and leads to Chronic Inflammation (CI)
- CI is the "cause of causes" of most long term conditions
- Health, diet, activity should be means to the end which is Happiness leading to greater potential and productivity.
- Increasing SP should move to a social movement through digital platforms and Insight



#### Building Active Communities

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