

## MIDLAND AREA REPORT

This last year has been a very difficult and frustrating year for me.

With a family bereavement I was totally knocked for 6 and have had a tough time and lost a lot of my mojo as much changed.

This was a year that I realised though, that Plus is a massive part of my life that I have many friends and support from. It's VERY Frustrating that Plus is no longer the organisation it was when I joined on a number of levels. Much less happens locally and around the country.

People all seem to have busy lives and many of the friends I made are now family people- married and / or settled down with or without children.

The members all seem to have so much going on that very few have the time / energy or even willingness to do anything to help grow or even maintain the Federation.

Even the top tier of the organisation seems to be very ineffective. On more than occasion over recent years they have agreed to commit time and finances to the progression and future of the organisation to then decide to cancel or postpone this.

BUT and it's a very BIG but.

At the Midland Area conference recently held there is a LOT of positive stuff going on around the area.

Almost every group is showing signs of enthusiasm and doing some really positive things

We have discussed a number of motions that will be presented at the 75<sup>th</sup> AGM.

The areas are going to look at running and funding an event to look at some of the challenges plus faces and look at some new guidelines to help get new groups opened.

There was talk about bringing back an area program of events and each group helping to run events open to all and supporting each other.

Depending on what happens in the next few months there was event talk of rebuilding a new area in the North.

Watch this space for more info.

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