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Brain Waves

A monthly newsletter from Innovations in Dementia CIC

The aim of these newsletters is to keep people with dementia and their allies informed about the work of Innovations in Dementia Community Interest Company.

New co-ordinator supporting the DEEP network

Welcome to Paul Thomas, the new DEEP co-ordinator for Scotland, Northern Ireland and the north of England.



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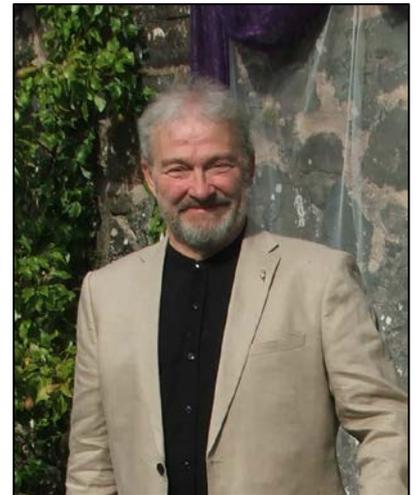
In February we welcomed Rachel Niblock as DEEP co-ordinator in the south of the country.

We would now like to welcome Paul Thomas.

Paul has worked in advocacy and user involvement and related jobs for many years. He will be supporting groups in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the north of England, and starts work on 15 May 2016.

These two posts are very important for the DEEP network. The network has grown very quickly. It is important that all the groups are supported to take part in the network in the way that suits them best.

For more information about DEEP go to the DEEP website: www.dementivoices.org.uk



The Dementia Engagement
and Empowerment Project

DEEP guides

DEEP guides are produced with help from people with dementia who are part of the network.

Recent DEEP guides include:

- Involving people with dementia in advisory groups.
- Involving people with dementia in Dementia Friendly Communities.

But there are also guides on a range of topics from involving people with dementia in recruitment to choosing a dementia-friendly meeting place.

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Getting Along[®] in Exeter

“ It was a complete pleasure being in the room and in the group today. Everyone appeared to be fully present and the pace/material and values embodied in this approach were relevant and interesting. I am inspired. We can change outcomes for people with dementia. We can change the discourse of negativity ”

This is feedback from a commissioner after attending the Getting Along[®] day which was held in York this month.

There has been such a good response to the Getting Along[®] approach, which brings together both sides of the care-giving relationship, that Damian is running another event.



This one will take place in Exeter on Tuesday 21st June 2016.

The day will cover the broad impact of the presence of a dementia within a relationship, and strategies to equip people with dementia and their families to live well and better with dementia.

The cost of the day is £80 per person including handouts, lunch and refreshments.

Please contact Damian for more information
email Damian Murphy at dementiafriendly@outlook.com or
telephone 07927 405 854

For more information on Getting Along[®] see the film available at:
<http://www.innovationsindementia.org.uk/videos/gettingalong.htm>



Calling for people with dementia with arts experience

The Whitworth Art Gallery and Manchester Museum are running a programme of events called Coffee, Cake and Culture.

Wendy Gallagher from the museum wants to make contact with people with dementia who are from an arts background. She wants to meet visual artists, writers, performers, and film makers.

She's keen to support people with dementia to lead some of the programme at the museum and also to support people with a shared professional interest in the arts to get together.



If you want to know more please contact Wendy.

Email Wendy.Gallagher@manchester.ac.uk or telephone 07920 595772.



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We do not offer services for people with dementia. Instead we work with other organisations to make sure that people with dementia can continue to take part in their communities and have active lives.

Please share your ideas, experiences and positive stories with us.

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