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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.

## Training

Tell us how we can make dementia training better.  
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## Training

Innovations in Dementia provides training for a lot of very different organisations ranging from the Metropolitan Police to the Alzheimer's Society. (You'll never guess who enjoys role-play more!)

Much training is very negative and focuses on the problems associated with dementia. We try to make sure that our training reflects our core beliefs about the potential to live positively with dementia.

We'd like to put together a group of people with dementia to review the core training we offer - and to make sure that the messages we try and put across reflect the voices of people with dementia.

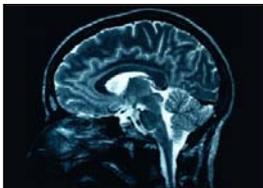
If you like to find out more about this - contact Steve.

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## Grey matters - brain, mind and culture

The Wellcome Trust funds projects that help the general public to understand science. This year it is focussing on neuroscience. That is, the science of what the brain does and how it does it.



Many neuroscientists are interested in what happens in the brain when someone develops dementia.

We also know that people with dementia are portrayed in different ways in literature, art and popular culture.

We would like to bring some leading scientists and researchers together with people with dementia to break down some of the stigma associated with dementia.

We would like to gather together current science thinking and cultural and historical portrayals of dementia.

We then want to work with people with dementia to look at how science and culture help or hinder their experience of living with dementia.

- Do you have any examples of how dementia is shown in literature, film, TV, theatre or art?
- How does understanding neuroscience help people with dementia to understand their experiences?

Please contact Nada

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## Meet us at conferences in the autumn

Steve, Rachael and Nada attend and speak at many conferences throughout the year.

This autumn we will be at:

- **Kindling the Spark - Creativity in Dementia: exploring creative approaches to dementia support**  
8 September 2010 in Derby  
Steve will be talking about making films with people with dementia.  
See the Trent DSDC website for more information - [www.trentdcdc.org.uk](http://www.trentdcdc.org.uk)
- **Coming of Age: Dementia in the 21st Century**  
19-21 October 2010 in London  
Nada will present a poster about online information about assistive technology.  
See the conference website for more information - [www.londondementiaconference.com](http://www.londondementiaconference.com)
- **UK Dementia Congress**  
9-11 November 2010 in Bournemouth  
Steve will talk about using film as a voice for people with dementia.  
Nada will be demonstrating the new AT Guide website with colleagues from Trent Dementia Services Development Centre.  
See the conference website for more information - [www.careinfo.org/uk-dementia-congress.php](http://www.careinfo.org/uk-dementia-congress.php)
- **National Telecare and Telehealth Conference 2010**  
15-17 November 2010 in London  
Nada will be running a workshop with members of ThinkTank and an occupational therapist from York St John University on how people with dementia balance assistive technology and coping strategies to live well with dementia.

Please come and say hello!



**Innovations  
in Dementia**

Innovations in Dementia is run by three directors - Rachael, Steve and Nada. We are a Community Interest Company. This means that any profit we make is put back into the organisation.

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.

**Contact us**

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