



July 2012

Newsletter No. 52

# 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.

## **Memory Aware Mid Devon**

Find out more about a free event in Crediton on page 2



## **In this newsletter:**

Memory Aware Mid Devon - free event	p2
What do you think of Hogeway Dementia Village?	p2
Brain in Hand	p3
New projects involving people with dementia	p3
EVA radioshow with people with dementia	p4

## Memory Aware Mid Devon - free event

The Circles of Support for People with Dementia Project in Mid Devon is running a free event with information and advice on dementia and how people with dementia can be best supported to live well in our communities.

The event will be held on Saturday, 15 September 2012 - to coincide with Dementia Awareness Day - in the Arts Centre in East Street in Cridton, from 10am until 1pm.

There will be short presentations throughout the morning and local organisations supporting people with dementia and their carers will have information stands.

Members of the Circles of Support project team will also be at the event to provide information and answer any questions which visitors may have.

Anyone who wants to know more about dementia is welcome and can drop in anytime between 10am and 1pm. To help organisers plan for numbers at the event, anyone interested in attending is requested to contact Alison Macadam on [alison.macadam@ndti.org.uk](mailto:alison.macadam@ndti.org.uk) or on 01202 421480. Local groups, organisations and businesses in Mid Devon who support or provide services for people living with dementia and their carers are also welcome to contact Alison to discuss how they can be involved.



## What do you think of Hogewey Dementia Village?

You may have heard of Hogewey, a dementia care facility in Holland that has been attracting quite a bit of attention, mostly if not wholly, positive in the media recently.

We have been approached by a production company who are interested in making a programme based around a re-creation of some of the key aspects of the Hogewey approach. The production company are keen to find out what people with dementia and their families think.

Innovations in Dementia are not partners in this work, but if you are interested in finding out more about the research the production company want to undertake for a possible TV programme - call Louise Duckett from Two Four Productions on 07711 178760.

## Brain in Hand

We have been talking with a small company who have developed an interesting smartphone 'app' to support people living with autism.

Many people with autism can become anxious if they encounter unplanned events or disruptions in their routine. The brain in hand software app supports them by offering a range of solutions, or possible actions to take, worked out in advance with the person using the smart phone.

For example, one participant became very anxious and worried if he thought about forgetting his college books - and this was flagged up as a potential situation in the app. In him actually forgetting his books - the app offers a series of solutions, for example:

- "ask if you need to have your books for that lesson today"
- "ask your friend John if you can sit with him and look at his book".

The app also transmits decisions to a support centre, who are able to take action to support the person if needed.

You can find out more at their website: <http://www.braininhand.co.uk/>

### **Do you think that this could help people with dementia?**

We are wondering about the potential of a similar system for some people with dementia. Tell us what you think

Email Steve at [steve@innovationsindementia.org.uk](mailto:steve@innovationsindementia.org.uk)

---

## New projects involving people with dementia

- The Social Policy Research Unit at the University of York is starting an evaluation of life story work for people with dementia. In partnership with Uniting Carers (part of Dementia UK) we will be ensuring that people with dementia and carers are involved in many aspects of the project, including being part of a network of project advisers.
- We are also working with the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE). They want to know what people with dementia think people who care for them need to know about dementia, and how best to present this information through their website.

### **Are you interesting in helping?**

We want to include as many people with dementia as possible in both these projects. If you or your group are interested in or have experience of life story work, dementia care training or website design, please contact Nada at [nada@innovationsindementia.org.uk](mailto:nada@innovationsindementia.org.uk)

## EVA radioshow with people with dementia:

EVA radio is well under way. People with dementia, carers and older people have a regular radio timeslot on Soundart radio, a community radio station in Totnes. They are supported (by Aunehead Arts) to produce and transmit radio programmes - about whatever they wish.

The radio station transmits within a 5-mile radius of Dartington Hall (Totnes) on 102.5 FM, every other Thursday. Podcasts of the programmes are available here [http://www.auneheadarts.net/site/projects/eva/?page\\_id=27](http://www.auneheadarts.net/site/projects/eva/?page_id=27)



If you tune into episode 5, you will hear Rachael from Innovations in Dementia being interviewed.

As the project has developed people have taken on different roles in the programme. They decide who will host the show, who will interview guests and who will introduce different elements of the programme. In time, it is hoped that people interested in the practicalities will receive training in radio production.

The people participating in the project at the moment have quickly increased their confidence about making radio. Innovations in Dementia will be conducting an evaluation of this part of the project live on air, near the end of the year. Keep listening!



**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**

Email: [ideas@innovationsindementia.org.uk](mailto:ideas@innovationsindementia.org.uk). Telephone: 01392 420076

Innovations in Dementia CIC, PO Box 616, Exeter, EX1 9JB

Website: [www.myid.org.uk](http://www.myid.org.uk)

If you wish to receive (or stop receiving) copies of this newsletter email [newsletter@innovationsindementia.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@innovationsindementia.org.uk)

Registered as a community interest company No. 06046815