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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.

Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project

The first phase of DEEP is complete.
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Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project (DEEP)

The report for the first phase of the Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project (DEEP) was launched a few weeks ago.

DEEP was run by the Mental Health Foundation with help from Innovations in Dementia and Alzheimer's Society.

Over the course of a year we investigated:

- The ways in which groups of people with dementia across the UK were actively involved in trying to influence policies and services, and
- Whether these groups of people with dementia were interested in networking with each other.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has decided to fund DEEP for a further three years. We aim to:

- Support existing groups of people with dementia to connect with each other and share knowledge.
- Develop an 'evidence base' of the impact that groups of people with dementia are having on policy and practice.
- Help new groups to develop.

Interested in getting involved?

Contact Rachael on 01392 420076 or email rachael@myid.org.uk



Some findings from DEEP

DEEP found that:

- There are only a small number of groups led by, or actively involving, people with dementia that are influencing services and policies.
- 'Influencing' work includes national lobbying and meeting with government officials, local lobbying of services, media work, training and education, participating in advisory groups, awareness-raising, and speaking at events.
- Most groups undertook influencing work alongside peer support and social activities, and were local and relatively informal.

Find out more

DEEP ran two national events for people with dementia early in 2012 - one in London and one in Stockport.

You can:

- Watch a short film about DEEP, where people with dementia talk about the activities they are involved with.
Go to the Mental Health Foundation website: www.mentalhealth.org.uk/DEEP
- Read the reports from the first phase.
Go to the JRF website:
<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/stronger-collective-voice>

Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project

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The Dementia Engagement & Empowerment Project (DEEP) aimed to explore, support, promote and celebrate groups and projects led by or actively involving people with dementia across the UK that were influencing services and policies affecting the lives of people with dementia.

Challenges and recommendations

The report sets some challenges:

- For groups involving people with dementia that want to participate in a network.
- For governments who need to listen to people with dementia.
- For organisations working with people with dementia who want to support people with dementia to influence policy and practice.
- And for dementia action alliances, the media, event organisers, trainers and researchers who can all change how they work to make sure that people with dementia are heard.

Using ICT in activities for people with dementia

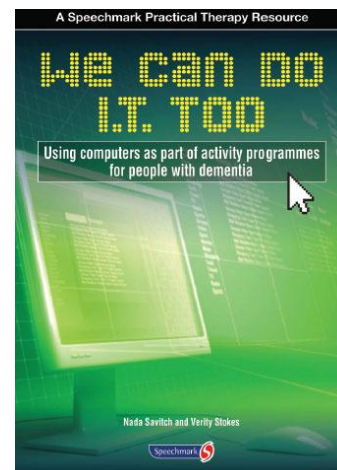
SCIE have produced a guide about using information and communication technology (ICT) in activities for people with dementia. It is aimed at managers and staff in the care sector, and those who organise activities for people with dementia.

Go to the SCIE website:

<http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/ictfordementia/>

Nada helped SCIE with this guide and much of the content is based on her book 'We can do IT too', which is available from Speechmark.

<http://www.speechmark.net/job-role/activity-coordinator>



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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.

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