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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.

DEEP Celebration Event

On 10th November, DEEP held a celebration event in Birmingham to mark three successful years.

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DEEP Celebration Event

The Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project (DEEP) has been running for three years with funding from Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Comic Relief.

On 10th November 2015, representatives from 14 of the groups got together in Birmingham to:

- Celebrate three years of DEEP, and how DEEP has grown.
- Find out about other groups.
- Think about the future of DEEP.
- Think a bit about campaigning.



The groups present included:

Educate (Stockport), Surf (Liverpool), Redditch and Bromsgrove Friends Together, East Kent Forget Me Nots, Oldham Springboard, Like Minds in Oxfordshire, Bradford FIT, York Minds and Voices, Open Doors (Salford), Kent SUNshiners, a new group from Rochdale, Oxfordshire Empowerment Group, Alzheimer's Society and the Irish Dementia Working Group.

The groups talked about :

- How the influence of the DEEP network can be increased
- How the network can grow
- How we can support new groups
- How we can support groups to learn from each other
- How local groups can get funded.

For more information about the event, visit the DEEP website:
www.dementiavoices.org.uk

A new film – Make a point about young onset dementia

Last year DEEP created a film called Make a Point About Dementia where people of all ages with dementia and their family members were invited to ‘make their point’ about the condition.

Inspired by this film, Young Dementia UK got together with other DEEP groups to make a young onset version of the film.

In July, a filmmaker attended the Young Dementia UK Tea & Talk event and recorded attendees talking about life with young onset dementia. The film also uses audio recordings from the On Our Radar / Dementia Diaries project.

The short film is now finished and was used to open the Young Dementia 2015 conference at UCL earlier this month.

If you like the film, feel free to share it via your networks if you can – via email, newsletters, websites, social media... We’d love the film to reach as wide an audience as possible as it conveys some really important messages about young onset dementia.

You can watch it through the DEEP website. Go to:

www.dementivoices.org.uk

Or the Young Dementia UK website:

www.youngdementiauk.org



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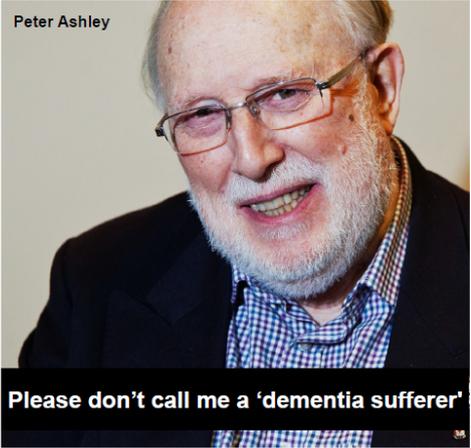
In memory of Peter Ashley

Peter Ashley was an inspiration to all of us at Innovations in Dementia.

Sadly Peter died earlier this month.

We would all like to take this opportunity to thank Peter for all the work he did with us, all the challenges he set us and the high expectations he had for us.

He was a tireless campaigner for the rights of people with dementia and we will all miss him.



Peter Ashley

Please don't call me a 'dementia sufferer'

I'm a person living with dementia

We need to think carefully about the words we use to describe dementia. To choose words that are accurate, balanced and respectful.

People with dementia, via the DEEP network, have launched a Call to Action through the Dementia Action Alliance. Visit www.dementiaaction.org.uk/dementiawords

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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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