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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.

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A new look at dementia training

Last week we held the first meeting of the training group in Bristol.

Steve and Rachael met with people with dementia and their supporters at the Holiday Inn in Bristol.

We looked at some of the training that Innovations in Dementia provides, but also talked about new ideas.



- We agreed that people with dementia should be much more involved in developing and delivering training.
- We talked about the importance of people with dementia talking about their experiences, but also agreed to find ways to involve people with dementia in other ways.

The members of the group are now working on plans for the next meeting and contributing ideas. If you would like to get involved with the training group - then contact Steve.

To contact Steve:

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Tell us what you think about social work

The College of Social Work is a new organisation being set up to support and represent social work. They want to know what people with dementia and their supporters think are the most important things about social work.

If you would like to join a focus group taking place in November to make your views known - then please contact Steve. All expenses will be paid.

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AT Guide

In past issues of Brain Waves we have described a project around designing a new website about assistive technology for people with dementia.



The pilot website is now available to use. It is called AT Guide and you can go to it from the atdementia.org.uk website.

The AT Guide works by asking people are series of questions about their lives and their concerns around living independently. The website then provides a report which contains tips, advice and ideas for products that might help. The report can be easily printed and taken away.

We worked with people with dementia who told us:

- The headings on the existing ATdementia site are confusing and a series of questions is easier to understand
- The language that is used in the questions is very important.
- The images should illustrate a question not be distracting or confusing.
- Tips and advice from people with dementia are as important as information about gadgets.

So far we have only developed one section called Getting out and About

Help us to improve the tool further:

- Go to <u>www.atdementia.org.uk</u>
- Click through to the AT Guide pilot
- Use the tool
- Complete the online poll and feedback questionnaire



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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