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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.

Young Dementia Network

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Welcome to our new directors

We are pleased to say that we are expanding.

We have asked two brilliant people to join us as directors of Innovations in Dementia.

Many of you will already know Damian Murphy and Philly Hare. They bring a wealth of experiences and expertise to Innovations in Dementia.

A bit more about Damian

Damian has a background in learning disability nursing and he spent 3 years living and working with people with learning disabilities in Latin America.

His first post in the field of dementia was in 1999 as the country's first independent advocate for in-patients with dementia in acute hospital settings based in West London.



He then spent 6 years in Lincolnshire with the Alzheimer's Society managing and developing local community-based services before joining the national education and development team, creating and delivering a range of training programmes for all care sectors

Damian has gained a deep appreciation of the impact of the presence of a dementia within close relationships and has created the Getting Along[®] programme which looks to provide practical support for individuals around the time of diagnosis.

He currently helps co-facilitate York Minds and Voices a peer support group that is part of the DEEP UK network of dementia voices.

A message from Philly

“I’m so delighted to be joining Innovations as a Director from January 2017. I first met Nada, Steve and Rachael 6 or 7 years ago, and subsequently commissioned iD to set up and manage the DEEP network, with funding from JRF’s Dementia without Walls programme.

Since then we have worked with each other on many projects, and over the last year I have been on secondment with iD as the work at JRF came to an end.



So we know each other pretty well already I think – and I know we share the same values and priorities around dementia. I am committed to helping iD, DEEP and our other partners to challenge the way in which people with dementia are still marginalised, overlooked and discriminated against in our society.

In the coming years I want to hear a louder and louder voice from people with dementia themselves, and to help forge creative partnerships between people with dementia, not only in the UK but across the world.

I will also continue as an Exchange Fellow at Edinburgh University, as this brings many different opportunities to achieve these aims. This, and being based near York – as is Damian – will enable iD to have a stronger presence ‘up North’ and in Scotland. But I’m sure that I’ll continue zooming around the whole of the UK – and if our paths haven’t yet crossed, I hope they soon will!”

Feel free to say hello

You can email our new directors at:

Damian@innovationsindementia.org.uk and

Philly@innovationsindementia.org.uk

The Young Dementia Network

We have been on the steering group for the development of the Young Dementia Network - a community that includes people living with young onset dementia, their family and friends, as well as organisations and professionals who work in the fields of dementia and social care.



What will the Network do...

- Provide opportunities for members to share experience, knowledge and to learn from each other.
- Influence government policy and encourage better young onset services across the UK.

Why join?

Joining the Network is free of charge and whilst there is no obligation to participate in our activities and events, there will be lots of opportunities for you to get involved if you wish.

Joining will give you

- Access to young onset dementia information, guidance and tools.
- Regular newsletters including young onset specific information, events and research.
- Events around the UK and online.
- Opportunities to raise awareness of young onset dementia.

Find out more

For more information and to join go to the Young Dementia UK website:

www.youngdementiauk.org/young-dementia-network



**Innovations
in Dementia**

Innovations in Dementia is run by four directors – Damian, 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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