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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.

### GeniUS York

Are looking for ideas to make York more dementia-friendly  
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## Memory aware mid Devon

To mark Dementia Awareness Day we held an event in Crediton, Devon on 15th September 2012.

We held the event to raise awareness of dementia, and showcase organisations providing support for people with dementia in the area. We also wanted to highlight the work we are doing to create circles of support for people with dementia.

People with dementia and their supporters came along and talked to stallholders from Senior Council of Devon and Carers Unite, and Singing for the Brain.

We know that people went away knowing more about the support that is available, and we are hopeful that a number of people who came along might be working with us in the near future.



To find out more about the Circles of Support project go to the website of our partner organisation, the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)

<http://www.ndti.org.uk/major-projects/circles-of-support-for-people-with-dementia/>

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## Working with Age UK on dementia friendly services



We have been commissioned to work with 15 local Age UKs to help them to become more dementia-friendly.

Many Age UKs have excellent specialist dementia services, but this project is not focusing on dementia services.

Instead, we are looking at local Age UK mainstream services and how these can be made more accessible to people with dementia.

This is great news and a really exciting opportunity. Age UK have many mainstream services that can help people with dementia to stay connected to their communities, and our job is to work with them to find out how best to achieve this.

We aim, as ever, to make sure that the voices of people with dementia are heard loud and clear in this work.

## GeniUS York - looking for ideas



Genius York is a collaboration between Science City York and City of York Council. They put out challenges to get ideas of how to make York a better place.

The latest challenge is around dementia.

This challenge is to generate ideas and discuss practical ways we could make York more dementia-friendly.

This open call to collectively generate ideas will be live on the GeniUS website until 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.

Then the people at GeniUS will work with 'the idea generator' and the most promising ideas to help make them happen in York.

More information is available on the GeniUS York website -

Go to: <http://geniusyork.com/>

This challenge is supported by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation as part of their Dementia Without Walls work.

### How can people with dementia and carers get involved?

- You can be ideas generators! Tell the people at GeniUS about how to make York a more dementia-friendly city - contribute to the GeniUS website. You don't have to have a complete idea - your experiences of living in or visiting York are just as important.
- If you live in York or the surrounding area, you can be part of some workshops in October to share your experiences with designers and business people.

If you want more information or help using the GeniUS website, please contact Nada

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## 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.

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