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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.

### Women and dementia

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Why is this? Does it matter?

Join our debate - see page 2.



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## Women and dementia

Have you ever noticed that more women than men are affected by dementia?



The Alzheimer's Society reports that two thirds of people with dementia are women. This may be because women live longer than men, but also because women are at greater risk of developing dementia as they get older.

In addition, three quarters of family carers of people with dementia are women. And it is mostly women who work in the care industry delivering paid care to people with dementia.

We have also noticed that it is often men with dementia who speak at conferences. We certainly have more male than female members of ThinkTank.

Prompted by members of ThinkTank, we started to wonder what this means.

We wonder

- Do the public think differently about a condition that affects more women than men?
- Why do more women not get involved with organisations such as ours?
- Do doctors and other professionals treat men and women differently?



We would like to explore this idea further. We want to know if it matters to you and your experience of attitudes to women and dementia.

Contact Nada or Rachael

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## Our films used in education and training

Last year we supported people with dementia to make four films about their lives and interests.

The films have been put on our website and on YouTube.

Last week we heard that the Open University are using one of the films to teach students.

The film "Nick's Misericords" will be used to teach undergraduate students about dementia.

The film shows that although Nick has dementia - he is still learning and growing.

All of the films show that although a diagnosis of dementia might be life-changing, it is not life-ending



You can see Nick's film on our website -

[www.innovationsindementia.org.uk/videos.htm](http://www.innovationsindementia.org.uk/videos.htm)

If you want to use any of our films for education, training or awareness-raising, please contact Steve

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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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