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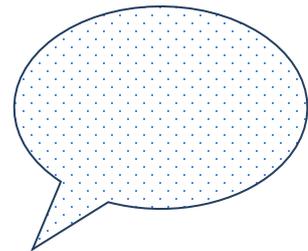
A monthly newsletter from Innovations in Dementia CIC

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.

## Spreading the word about our projects

The summer is a good time to have a look at some of the projects we are most proud of, where we have (as always) worked in partnership with people with dementia – often with DEEP groups and their members.

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## Spreading the word about our projects

This year we have been working in different ways with many organisations on a number of projects.

Most importantly we have worked in partnership with people with dementia in all of these projects – often with DEEP groups and their members.

Some of these projects will be presented at the UK Dementia Congress in Telford this November (for more information go to <http://www.careinfo.org/ukdc-2015>):

### **DEEP**

Members of the DEEP (Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project) and the National Family Carers Involvement Network will speak in the UK Dementia Congress plenary session on the morning of Tuesday 4 November, making sure that Congress focusses as always on the people who matter most – those living with dementia and their carers.

Look out for the JRF report on this project to be published soon.



### **Age UK Making mainstream services accessible to people with dementia**

Steve and Neil Mapes from Dementia Adventure will be presenting at Dementia Congress. Age UK will also be publishing reports based on some of this work.

For more information go to the Age UK website:

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/professional-resources-home/services-and-practice/health-and-wellbeing/making-age-uk-services-dementia-friendly/>



### **Developing a national Reading Well Books on Prescription scheme in public libraries for people with dementia and their carers**

Debbie Hicks from The Reading Agency will present this project which involved Janet Baylis from Alzheimer's Society and members of Educate in Stockport.

Find out more at the Reading Well website: <http://reading-well.org.uk/books/books-on-prescription/dementia/living-well-with-dementia>



### **Some truth about truth telling, 'delusions' and different realities in dementia**

Toby Williamson from the Mental Health Foundation will talk about some of the issues around advanced dementia.

Look out for the report about this project to be published in the next few months.

For more information go to the MHF website:

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/research/dementia-truth-telling/>



### **Health Innovation Network in South London**

Nada has been working with the HIN in South London – they will be presenting two projects which people with dementia have been involved with:



- Putting people with dementia in control: Co-production of an electronic care and support planning tool, which will be presented by Rebecca Jarvis from Health Innovation Network
- Development of a Dementia Peer Support Resource Pack, which will be presented by Amy Semple from Health Innovation Network. The pack features videos made with DEEP groups - the Healthy Living Club in Stockwell and Hope and Doodle Clubs in Lewisham.

Find out more from the HIN website: <http://www.hin-southlondon.org/clinical-areas/dementia/projects>

### **Dementia Diaries: How technology is being used to amplify the voices of people with dementia**

Paul Myles from On Our Radar will present this amazing project which has worked with five DEEP groups across the country and supports people with dementia to document their day-to-day lives.

Find out more at the Dementia Diaries website:

<http://www.onourradar.org/dementia/>

**Dementia Without Walls: Dementia friendly communities: evidence and learning from four UK projects**



Philly Hare, Programme Manager & Natalie Gordon, Policy and Research Intern, Joseph Rowntree Foundation will be presenting their work about dementia friendly communities.

**Getting Along© – Filling the peri-diagnostic gap**

Damian will be presenting Getting Along©, a programme that supports couples to address changes in their relationship that might be brought about by a dementia

For more information see our website:

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

And look out for the JRF report on the **Women's experiences of dementia project** which will be launched by Philly Hare from JRF and Wendy Mitchell from York Minds and Voices at the opening plenary session of UK Dementia Congress.

See [www.dementiawomen.org.uk](http://www.dementiawomen.org.uk)



**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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