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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.

Starting 'Start making sense'

We have been awarded a development grant from the Big Lottery Research Fund for our work on accessible information for people with dementia. Find out more on page 2.



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Starting 'Start making sense'

We are pleased to announce that we have received a development grant from the Big Lottery Fund that will enable us to start our work on the project we have called 'Start Making Sense'. This project will investigate how organisations can make the information they provide more relevant and accessible to people with dementia.

The development grant is from the Big Lottery's research fund. This programme will provide up to £20 million to fund social, medical or socio-medical research led by voluntary and community sector organisations. The idea behind the development grant is to allow small organisations like Innovations in Dementia to build up a proposal for a full research grant.

Over the next few months we will be holding a series of meetings with people with dementia. We want to find out:

- What information is vital for people with dementia to live independently.
- What organisations provide this information (we would like to work with some of these organisations to improve the information they provide).
- What difficulties people with dementia have with the information they receive and how it could be improved.

We need your help!

We will be running a series of events in early 2009. Please contact us if you have any ideas about:

- Where to hold the event - which part of the country or a specific venue.
- Who to invite.
- Topics for conversation.

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Videos by people with dementia

We have now received all the funding we need to start a new video project.

The Rayne Foundation and South West Screen are funding this project, which is due to start in January next year.

We will be working with people with dementia to develop short videos. Some of these will be about living with dementia, while others will be about whatever the participants want.

We are recruiting a professional film-maker to help us with the technical and creative aspects of the project, but the stars and the driving force will be people with dementia themselves.

We need your help!

For this project will be recruiting people with dementia within travelling distance of the Exeter area.

The project will start in January next year.

Please contact us if you live near Exeter and would like to get involved in:

- Creating ideas for short films
- Writing scripts
- Presenting or acting in a short film
- Camerawork or sound
- Editing
- Helping with the launch

If you are interested please contact us:

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Spreading the word - ID at conferences

Innovations in Dementia is a small organisation, but we hope to have a big impact. One way in which we let people know about our work is by attending conferences around the country.

The rights of people with dementia

Steve ran two workshops at the Trent DSDC conference in Nottingham in September about the civil rights of people with dementia.

Computers and people with dementia

At the same conference Nada ran two workshops on her work with people with dementia and staff using computers at day centres. This project is funded by NESTA and run jointly with Housing 21 - Dementia Voice. This work was also presented at an international conference on dementia at Stirling and at the Dementia Congress in Bournemouth. People at these conferences were really interested in the project and many people around the country are considering installing computers in their care facilities.

If you're interested in finding out more contact Nada (nada@innovationsindementia.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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