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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.



Video project

The first meeting around our video project took place on 3 April 2009 in Exeter

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Video project - report of first meeting

On Friday 3 April 2009 we had our first meeting of the video project.

We have recruited a film-maker called Tom Stubbs. At the meeting, Tom worked with a small group of people with dementia to begin the process of finding ideas for films.

Subjects that have come up so far are:

- A film about misericords - these are little hidden carvings that craftsmen used to secrete under the pews in early churches. Most of them are quite bizarre - and are almost like irreverent graffiti.
- A film about the work of a sculptor who now has dementia and is working with us on this project.



We will begin to work on these ideas later in May and filming begins in June.

We are hoping that these films will show how creative people with dementia can be - and that they will be an inspiration to other people with dementia.

We will also be recording some factual films about dementia, made by participants, which we will also be making available later in the year.

Would you be interested in seeing the final films?

We are keen that the finished films are distributed widely. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

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Working with carers?

Steve and Nada from Innovations in Dementia were delighted to be invited to the April 2009 meeting of the Alzheimer's Society Living with Dementia volunteers group.

We presented some of our work and asked members of the group if they would like to work with us.

We expected to be challenged by members of such an active group and we were very happy to answer questions about our projects and the ideas behind Innovations in Dementia.

One issue that came up with some people was about working with carers.

We state loudly that we do not work with carers. We work with people with dementia.

We recognise that people with dementia may need support from others (both family carers and professional care workers). However, we are clear that the purpose of Innovations in Dementia is to work directly with people with dementia.

Some volunteers at the Living with Dementia meeting felt that the statement 'Innovations in Dementia does not work with carers' was unhelpful and would exclude people.

We feel that there are many organisations - not least the Alzheimer's Society - which represent both carers and people with dementia. We think there is room for one organisation that focuses entirely on people with dementia.

What are your views? Let us know what you think.

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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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