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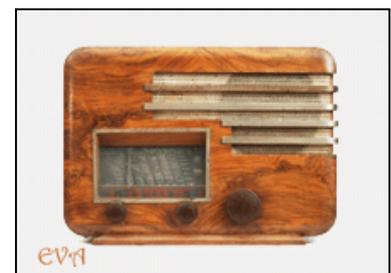
A monthly newsletter from Innovations in Dementia CIC

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.

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EVA radio: people with dementia get their own regular radio show

In the October 2011 issue of Brain Waves, we told you about our partnership with Aunehead Arts on an exciting new project. EVA (elder voices on air) is a Devon based project that aims to involve people with dementia and older people in radio and arts.

Aunehead Arts are supporting and training people with dementia to make radio programmes.



The show will be transmitted by a community radio station in Totnes called Soundart radio. Ultimately they will have a regular broadcast slot for programmes produced by people with dementia – about whatever they wish.

We recently held a workshop with 6 people with dementia. As well as seeing a radio programme in production, people had the chance to try out some simple sound recording. By taking turns to interview each other, people's stories of their lives began to emerge. There was a big focus on people's experiences of diagnosis and living with dementia. But also stories of past careers, childhood memories, and letters home. In short - people's life stories.

The radio station transmits within a 5-mile radius of Dartington Hall (Totnes) on 102.5 FM. However, you can also listen through the internet via the Soundart Radio website

Go to: <http://www.soundartradio.org.uk>

The first broadcast is 10 May 2012 – please tune in!

For more information please contact Rachael – email: rachael@myid.org.uk

Arts 4 Dementia workshops

Arts 4 Dementia's London Arts Challenge in 2012 is providing a series of free workshops for people in the early stages of dementia and their carers at fourteen arts venues around the capital from February to September 2012. The workshops are part of the London Olympics 2012 Inspire programme. For more information go to the Arts 4 Dementia website – <http://www.arts4dementia.org.uk/>

The logo for Arts 4 dementia, featuring the text 'Arts 4 dementia' in a stylized, handwritten font. The number '4' is red, and the word 'dementia' is in a darker color.

Dementia: Our lives, our story: Working together for a better future

Monday 28 May 2012

East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham

This national conference aims to convey the many different realities of living with dementia from the person's and their family carer's point of view.

The event has been designed by people whose lives are affected by dementia, and it is hoped that it will be a chance to create an open and honest dialogue between organisations who provide services and the people who use them.

There will be surgeries and information stands for people living with dementia and their family carers to talk to advisers about issues such as living day-to-day with dementia, practical support, and financial and legal advice.

There will also be interactive workshops to share knowledge and good practice around self-management, creative approaches, assistive technology, life stories, user involvement and difficult conversations. A video 'diary room' and a 'quiet room' with a support worker will be available.

The event is aimed at everyone involved in supporting the needs of people with dementia including all health and social care professionals, housing, voluntary agencies, nursing and residential care homes, inspectors and commissioners of services.

Find out more

Registration for the event is completely free for people living with dementia and their supporters and carers

For more information contact Pauline Drew at Trent DSDC

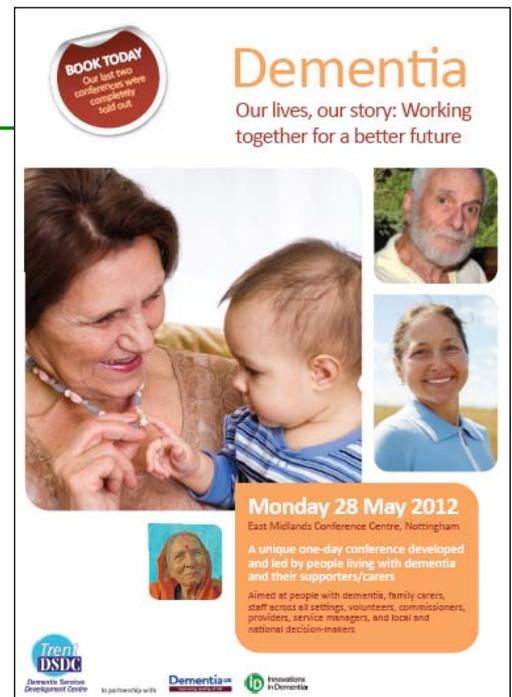
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Go to the Trent DSDC website - www.trentdsc.org.uk

This conference is hosted by the Leicester-based charity Trent Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC) in partnership with Dementia UK and Innovations in Dementia and with thanks for funding from Lundbeck UK



BOOK TODAY
Our last two conferences were consistently sold out.

Dementia

Our lives, our story: Working together for a better future



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A unique one-day conference developed and led by people living with dementia and their supporters/carers

Aimed at people with dementia, family carers, staff across all settings, volunteers, commissioners, providers, service managers, and local and national decision-makers

Trent DSDC
Dementia Services Development Centre

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Dementia friendly communities in Ireland

In the January 2012 issue of Brain Waves, we reported that Steve had been working with Alzheimer's Society of Ireland to support their work around dementia-friendly communities.



This work has now been completed, and the final report carries a number of recommendations for strengthening support for people with dementia, including:

- The development of more services geared towards people with dementia at a local level, especially peer support groups and one-to-one support.
- The development of activities which raise the profile of people with dementia within their communities.
- The development of a "toolkit" about developing dementia-friendly communities more widely.

If you'd like a copy of the final report, please email Steve at steve@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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