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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.

Think Tank

We are looking for people with dementia to be involved in our organisation and to guide us in our work. We are calling this group of people the Innovations in Dementia Think Tank.

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Think Tank

At Innovations in Dementia CIC we believe that people with dementia should be listened to. Therefore, we want people with dementia to be fully involved in our organisation.

Think Tank is the name that we have given to a group of people with dementia who will be part of our organisation.

- We will ask members of Think Tank about our work.
- Their views will guide us in the type of work that we do.
- They will work with us in any way they want - for example, in the production of this newsletter, writing articles or taking photos, or helping with training.



Think Tank members can contribute to our organisation in a number of ways. There may be group meetings, but members do not have to attend meetings. We can work by telephone, post or email.

Are you interested in knowing more?

Email: ideas@innovationsindementia.org.uk. Telephone: 01392 420076.

Video leaflets by and for people with dementia

Most information that is produced for people with dementia is written down and printed. We are working on a new project to support people with dementia to produce video leaflets for other people in the same situation.

The idea is that people with dementia talk about issues that are important to them - such as how they felt when they first got the diagnosis, hints and tips on making life easier, telling friends and family about the diagnosis. These video clips will then be distributed via the web or disc to organisations working with people with dementia.

How you can help!

- Do you know any organisation that would be willing to donate video camera equipment?
- Do you know any video production experts who would like to get involved?
- Would you like to get involved? You might want to help with writing or production or perhaps you'd like to be a presenter?

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Computer project at a conference in Belfast



In the April 2008 Brain Waves newsletter, we introduced our computer project. Innovations in Dementia CIC is working with Dementia Voice/Housing 21 to introduce computers into their day centres for people with dementia.

We presented the progress of the project at a conference organised by the Dementia Development Service Northern Ireland in Belfast at the beginning of May. The theme of the

conference was 'Embracing the Challenge: Citizenship and Dementia'.

Doris from the Tresham Day Centre in London kindly let us use her photographs to tell people about the project.

There were many positive comments, especially from people who are (like us) challenging the notion that people with dementia cannot learn new skills.

'Being Heard' in Westminster



The Westminster Dementia Liaison Group is organising a one-day conference in July. The conference is aimed at people with dementia, older people and professionals in Westminster. The idea is to get the views of people with dementia and older people about the services that Westminster provides around memory problems.

Innovations in Dementia is helping with some of the displays. We hope that staff and people with dementia from the Tresham Day Centre in Westminster will display their work from the computer project (see above). Contact us if you would like to know more about the conference (see p4).

©2008 This picture was produced by people who attend the Tresham Day Centre in Westminster and is used on the official invitation to the 'Being Heard' event.



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.

Contact us

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