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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.



Information about assistive technology for people with dementia

Innovations in Dementia is working with the Trent Dementia Services Development Centre and the Disabled Living Foundation on a new project.

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This is the ATdementia website that has been developed by the Trent Dementia Services Development Centre.

The website address is www.atdementia.org.uk

They have received funding from the Department of Health for a new project to develop this website.

The new website will help people to consider areas of daily living where they may experience difficulties. The website will then suggest advice and information on technologies and other strategies that may be helpful.

The project will use a tool that the Disabled Living Foundation have developed on their website called AskSara (see www.asksara.org.uk)

Innovations in Dementia will be working with the Trent Dementia Services Development Centre and the Disabled Living Foundation on this project.

The new website will be designed with and for people with dementia. So, over the next year, Nada from Innovations in Dementia will be talking to lots of people with dementia about their views of how the information should be presented and displayed.

If you would like to get involved, please contact us

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Start Making Sense - project plan

From January 2009 we have been working on a project called Start Making Sense funded by a Big Lottery development grant. The project is about information that might be confusing for people with dementia.

The end of May 2009 was the deadline for us submitting an application for funding for a much bigger three-year project.

Many people with dementia have helped us to develop a project plan. If we are successful in getting funding for the project we will be working with the Rix Centre, which is part of the University of East London, and with commercial organisations such as bus companies or supermarkets.

The project plan is that:

- We use video to collect people's experiences of different everyday activities like shopping or travelling.
- We use these videos to identify some of the barriers that people with dementia face - for example complicated ticket machines or signage.
- We identify some solutions that might help to overcome these barriers - we think the solutions might involve designing new signs or maps, using new technology or simply training staff.
- We test and refine these solutions with people with dementia.
- We use the videos as the basis of training and awareness raising materials that we hope will change attitudes about dementia more widely.

We have to wait until the end of the year to know if we have got funding from the Big Lottery.

However, we are still interested in hearing about your experiences of using information.

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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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