



The Dementia Engagement
and Empowerment Project

***DEEP (dementia engagement and
empowerment project)***
*helping to connect involvement groups
of people with dementia*

April 2016

Following on from last month's Update and our questions regarding third party project involvement, we are also receiving an ever growing number of requests asking us to let you know about dementia related events, products and services – how would you like us to keep you updated about this? And how should we decide what you see?

Would a section on the website be helpful? Or would you prefer email alerts?

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network support

DEEP Northern Co-ordinator Update

We are pleased to announce that the DEEP team is now complete and Paul Thomas will be joining us next month as Northern Co-ordinator.

A message from Paul Thomas, our new Northern Co-ordinator

“Hello, my name is Paul I have worked in advocacy and user involvement and related jobs since I was a young man leaving art college in the 1970’s. I hope I have lots of experience to bring to the co-ordinator’s role but know that I still have lots to learn.



It is such a privilege to have this chance to help make a real difference for people, and I am really looking forward to meeting everyone and starting work with DEEP on 15 May 2016. For once living “in the middle of nowhere” like I do has its advantages as I am now equally close to (or far away from!) the north of Scotland, the south of Yorkshire and the west of Northern Ireland.

The first time I heard about DEEP it seemed like an idea whose time has come, and I hope we can build on the great work already done in England and Wales. Having a voice that is heard makes all the difference.

I will fit my working week around what is required and can’t wait to get started. Please get in touch, I don’t do Twitter (yet!), but do contact me via email or telephone.”

Paul Thomas T: 07510 284760 E: paul@myid.org.uk

network news

Memorybilia event for Dementia Awareness Week

Memorybilia are pleased to announce that they are holding a Dementia Question Time event for Dementia Awareness Week.

Wednesday 18 May 2016 2-4pm at Bluebell Hill Village Hall in Chatham.

Click on the poster to download a full size PDF with more information and contact details.



EDUCATE – Doing Dementia Differently

Hosted by EDUCATE, this event will be a celebration of the achievements of people with dementia to raising public awareness, influencing policy and in entertainment and the arts.

The day will see a series of discussions highlighting the role people with dementia have played in changing attitudes about dementia, and showcasing some of their projects. An evening of film, poetry, music and drama will follow.

People with dementia and their supporters are invited to join us for the day. We hope lots of our friends and allies in the DEEP network will be able to come. There will be no charge for people with dementia and the person attending with them. The Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project may be able to help with some costs for DEEP groups.

Wednesday, June 28 2016

Stockport Town Hall
11am -3pm

and

Stockport Plaza
7.30pm – 9.30pm

If you are interested in this event, please email Nada in the first instance:

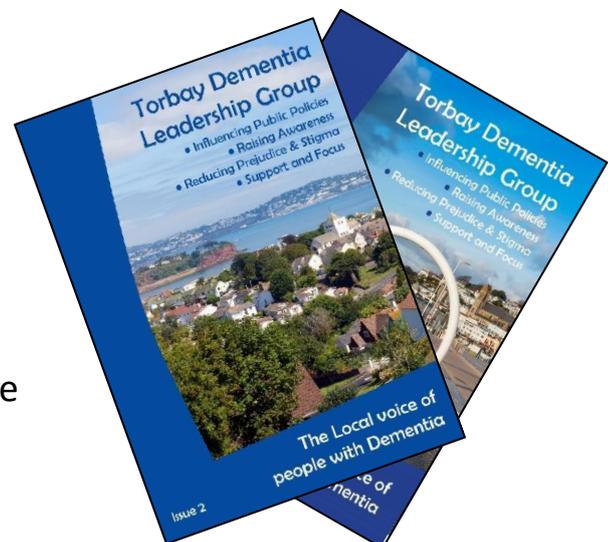
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First meeting of the new Dementia NI group

The first meeting for the new Dementia NI action group in Belfast was held earlier this month. Dementia NI action groups help influence how people can live well with a diagnosis of dementia. Members of staff support the Dementia Action Groups and provide a platform to encourage individuals to play a bigger part in influencing and shaping dementia policy. Dementia NI already has an established group in Antrim.

Torbay Bulletins

The Torbay Dementia Leadership Group is an empowerment group whose members all have dementia. They have recently put together some interesting bulletins to help explain their work – you can learn more about TDLG and their work by downloading the full documents from the Dementia Voices website.

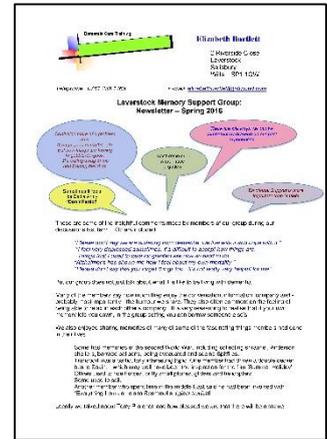


Laverstock Memory Support Group – Spring Newsletter

The Laverstock Support Group is an experiential memory support group for people living with dementia.

While the group is meeting, many of the family carers meet at the same time to share their own experiences.

Click to see a PDF of their latest Spring Newsletter and to learn more about what they have been doing.



new groups

Please welcome the following new groups to the DEEP network:

- Irish Community Care, Merseyside
- Our Voice Matters, Hartlepool
- Here Now Dementia, Women's Group
- Mary Seacole House, Liverpool
- Making Space, North Yorkshire
- Together Dementia Support, Manchester

keep in touch

Let us know about your work – it is great to share it through the DEEP Update.

Here are the contact details for Steve, Nada, Rachel and Paul (from 15 May 2016):

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