



**The Dementia Engagement
and Empowerment Project**

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

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Dear All

With Christmas fast approaching, we hope you are able to spend time with family and friends this holiday.

Seasons greetings and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016.

From Nada, Steve, Rachael and Kate.

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DEEP Recruitment

Innovations in Dementia CIC is currently recruiting for 2 Co-ordinators to support the work of DEEP.

Closing date for applications 5pm – 4 January 2016.

Click here for further information including an application pack and form:

<http://www.myid.org.uk/>

New film “Through my eyes”

Lancashire Dementia Voice’s new film, “Through my eyes” was launched early this month at a local event.

This film, which looks to show what it can be like living with dementia, will be made available to any member of the DEEP network but there will be a small charge for postage and the memory stick – please contact Lancashire Dementia Voices direct.

Kent Mystery Shoppers help make Huguenot Museum more dementia friendly

DEEP group Memorybilia from Kent were the first group to take part in a project with Rica (the consumer testing organisation). Members of Memorybilia visited the Huguenot Museum ‘anonymously’ in October 2015 as part of its ongoing drive to ensure that its galleries are accessible to as many people as possible.

The full report is available via the DEEP website:

<http://dementivoices.org.uk/>

Lighting, signs, patterns and intrusive sound may all contribute to making public places frustrating and disorientating for people with dementia. As an active member of the Medway Dementia Action Alliance, the Huguenot Museum was keen to find out how it could improve the visitor experience.

Would your group like to do a similar project? Contact Nada (details below).

Website update

Following the recent mailing regarding keeping your details up to date, we are also in the process of updating the DEEP website. If you would like to update the information we have for you online, including adding a photo or logo, please email kate@myid.org.uk.

Click here to go straight to the list of DEEP groups on our website:

<http://dementivoices.org.uk/deep-groups-alphabetical-order/>

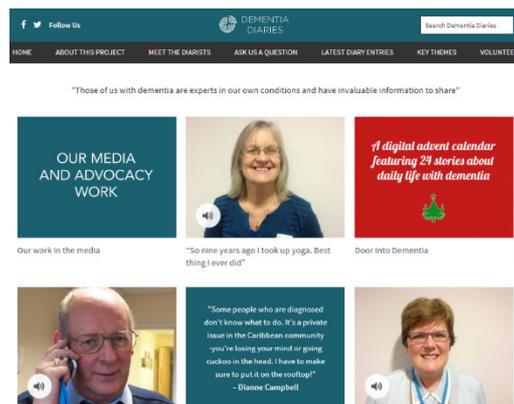
Remember the DEEP website (www.dementivoices.org.uk) is a great way to publicise your work and keep up to date with happenings in the DEEP network.

Door into Dementia digital advent calendar

The Dementia Diaries project publicises the thoughts and experiences of people with dementia through audio diaries. They have produced a digital advent calendar – each day in the run up to Christmas they are highlighting a message from a different person with dementia.

There are two new features on the Dementia Diaries website:

- ask a question: where anyone can suggest a question to ask the Dementia Diary participants.
- leave a comment: where anyone can leave a comment about the diaries.



Take a look here:

<http://dementiadiaries.org/tag/door-into-dementia>

If anyone wants to know more about the Dementia Diaries project please contact Nada.

DEEP involvement fund

Thanks to the DEEP funders, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Comic Relief and Life Changes Trust, we will again be able to offer small grants to DEEP groups for involvement activities.

DEEP will have two pots of money to circulate to groups and projects around involving people with dementia.

- Influencing fund - a pot of £30,000 for small projects – up to £3000
- Networking fund - a pot of £45,000 for larger projects involving two or more DEEP groups – up to £10,000

Look out for announcements in January 2016.

For more information contact Nada.

New Groups

Please welcome the following new groups to the DEEP network:

- Dementia Voices, East Dunbartonshire
- Dementia Voices, Stockton

Keep in touch

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

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