



The Dementia Engagement
and Empowerment Project

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

July/August 2015

Dear All

I hope you are enjoying the summer holiday period. This is a short update, and the next DEEP update will be sent out in September.

DEEP celebration event

Please hold the **10th November 2015** in your diaries. This is for a national DEEP meeting to mark the end of the current funding period. The event will be a **celebration**. It will **showcase** all the work of DEEP groups, including those who received DEEP involvement grants. It will be a chance to **meet people** from other DEEP groups. And an opportunity to **influence** the next phase of DEEP.

The meeting will be a one day event in **Birmingham**. There will be limited numbers - we anticipate up to 80 people maximum. We will therefore need to restrict the numbers of people who can attend per group.

Information about how to register for the event will be sent to your group in August.

Dementia Northern Ireland



A new national group has set up in Northern Ireland - Dementia Northern Ireland "People with dementia taking action." The group has received funding from Atlantic Philanthropies to set up a number of involvement groups. The hope is that there will be one or two involvement groups across every Health Trust in Northern Ireland.

The group's mission is to be an independent voice for people with dementia. They plan to reach out to others with dementia who are motivated to:

- challenge the stigma of dementia
- support people with dementia to lobby and raise awareness of dementia
- promote the rights of people with dementia
- provide training, education and awareness about living well with dementia

Purple Angel Leadership group

The Purple Angel Leadership group are working with the Torbay Dementia Action Alliance. They are working to bring dementia friendly holidays to Torbay. Purple Angel holidays will officially be launched in the Autumn.

Holidays and dementia

Jan Brookes is a nurse studying for a Masters degree in International Hospitality Management at the University of Derby. She is doing a piece of research, looking at the needs of people with dementia when staying in guest accommodation. There is no evidence of any other research on this topic so she is starting from scratch! Jan would like to hear about your experiences of staying in hotels and other holiday accommodation. Or whether you wouldn't use such accommodation because of your needs.

If you would like to get in touch with Jan, email:
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Keep in touch

If you have any news that you would like to share with the DEEP network, please get in touch with:



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