



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

I hope you enjoy this month's update. Please continue to share your work with the rest of the DEEP network - it is very inspiring for new groups to hear about the range of work taking place.

## **DEEP will be funded for another 4 years!**

We are thrilled to announce a major new funding package for DEEP. This will cover the next 4 year phase, up till end 2019.

The funding, worth £1.1 million, comes from three funders:

- Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Comic Relief
- Life Changes Trust

There are currently 50 groups across the UK. The new funding will be used to strengthen these groups as well as support the development of many more in Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

We will be appointing two new co-ordinator posts to help the network. These posts will be advertised in the summer.

## Money for DEEP groups: for technology



DEEP has a limited pot of money for groups: to buy equipment for the group relating to technology. You can apply for **£300** for a piece of equipment (e.g. a tablet computer) or software (e.g. costs of an internet provider for 12 months).

The aim of this is to help you to capture the work of your group, or to connect more easily with other groups or to share your work with the rest of the DEEP network.

A tablet computer for example could enable you to:

- take photos
- make short films
- use email
- Skype other groups
- use social media such as Twitter
- add news item to the Dementia Voices website

If you would like to apply for money for technology please write to us by Monday 22nd June. We ask for a paragraph that explains:

- Which item of technology you wish to buy and how you will use it
- How this will make a difference to your group
- How you will share your work with the rest of the DEEP network (e.g. sharing news through the updates or the DEEP website; Skyping another DEEP group etc)

**Please send your paragraphs to Vicky Nicholls (contact details at the end of this update). The deadline is Tuesday 30th June.**

**We will let you know a decision by mid July.**

## Journal of Dementia Care - invitation to comment



The Journal of Dementia Care is specialist magazine for professionals working with people with dementia. It aims to improve the quality of care provided for people with dementia, raise the profile of professionals working in the field, and promote staff development.

The Journal of Dementia Care has invited DEEP groups to be part of their advisory board. Advisory board members are asked to comment on the content of every issue and can suggest ideas for articles. Other members of the panel include university professors and leading professionals in the field (as well as Nada from Innovations in Dementia!)

### ***Would you like to contribute to the advisory board?***

We are looking for people with dementia who would be interested in looking at a copy of the magazine and answering a few questions. The Journal of Dementia Care is only published every two months, and we would like a different person or group of people to add their comments each month.

**If you are interested in this role please contact Nada:**

**email [nada@myid.org.uk](mailto:nada@myid.org.uk) or telephone 07549 921901**

## Looking for ideas for local consumer projects

Innovations in Dementia has joined forces with **Rica**. This is for a new project about consumer testing of products and services by people with dementia.

Rica is a well-established charity that works in partnership with older and disabled people to do various consumer research projects. This might mean getting people together to discuss a particular service or asking people to test a new piece of equipment. Rica are very keen to expand their work to include people with dementia.

- Do you have an idea of a local service (not just health or social care), facility or product that you think might need improving?
- Are you in touch with any organisations who want you to help them become more dementia-friendly

**If your group would like to be involved, please contact Nada:**

**email [nada@myid.org.uk](mailto:nada@myid.org.uk) or telephone 07549 921901**

## 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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