



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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The groups within the DEEP network are all different - but there is still so much we can learn from each other especially when groups are working on similar issues and facing the same challenges.

We'd like to make better connections between groups and include more people living with dementia across the UK in the many conferences, events, meetings and consultations that are taking place. We want to:

- get a clearer picture of what groups are doing so that we can share what works well and help new groups to develop;
- make sure that we can link you up and support you to work together.

But, we can't do that without information so over the next few weeks Rachel and Paul will be getting in touch with all the groups so that they can begin piecing together the jigsaw puzzle.

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network support

DEEP Guides soon available in Welsh

DEEP guides are being translated into Welsh and will shortly be available on the website - please contact us if you do not have access to the internet but would like one of our guides in Welsh or English (not available in other languages yet!)

Tweet about DEEP



DEEP now has a Twitter account so if you tweet please follow us and share your stories @DementiaVoices.

We will be working on a DEEP guide for social media soon so anybody who would like to contribute to that please contact Rachel (niblock@myid.org.uk).

DEEP Guide on steering/advisory group involvement

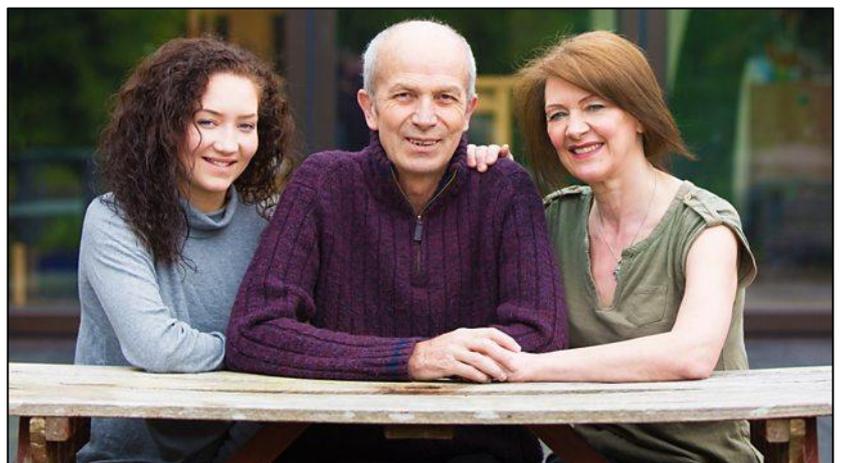
DEEP has published a guide on involving people with dementia as members of steering or advisory groups. This provides easy access to the views of people with dementia. Most importantly, it also means that people with dementia can have direct influence on debates and decision making. Click [here](#) to see the guide which offers some suggestions for adjustments that organisations can make.

network news

BBC 1 Panorama - Living with Dementia: Chris's Story

Currently scheduled for Thursday 3 June 2016 at 8pm, look out for Chris Roberts and family on BBC 1 Panorama.

“In a powerful, multi-textured documentary filmed over almost two years, one family living with dementia reveals what life is really like behind closed doors.”



Dementia Awareness Week – what did you do?

This month saw Dementia Awareness Week with training, fundraising and events held all over the UK – Rachel and Paul shared this with some of you and we’ve pulled together a few snippets of how some of the DEEP groups and associates marked the occasion.

Don’t forget you can always add photos, news and information like this to your DEEP Group page on the website (www.dementivoices.org.uk), it’s a great way to share what you have been doing and keep up to date with the other groups. Please ask Kate for a unique login if you don’t already have one (kate@myid.org.uk).

- Dementia Techno Expo in Doncaster
- A series of lunchtime webinars (Yorkshire and the Humber Dementia Clinical Network together with University of Bradford School of Dementia Studies)
- Denim for Dementia including denim themed coffee mornings
- Dementia Question Time (Memorybilia)
- Dementia Garden Party
- Hospital Best Practice Day
- Confronting my Dementia - sharing experiences of dementia and film presentation by the Beth Johnson Foundation (see photos), both available on YouTube.

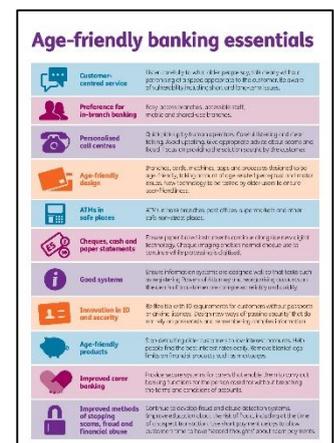


have your say...

Age-Friendly banking

AGE UK recently launched a case-study report ‘Age-friendly banking – what it is and how to do it’ a practical guide to many of the issues concerning financial services and products.

Click [here](#) for a useful summary or click on the photo for a PDF infographic. You can find a full copy of the report on the AGE UK [website](#).



Early Onset Dementia Dining Club

This month the Open Doors Dementia Service launched a new, innovative and multifactorial support group and therapeutic dining club for people with young onset dementia living in Salford.

For further information, please email opendoors@gmw.nhs.uk



new groups

Please welcome the following new groups to the DEEP network:

- Fabulous Forgetful Friends, Manchester

keep in touch

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

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