

Forget-Me-Nots: Successes from the fourth year

Thank you and congratulations to all members who...

- Welcomed new members to the group, also visited and encouraged the starting up of similar groups elsewhere e.g. Seaside Thanet
- Reviewed the groups Terms of reference and chairing arrangements to enable more members to contribute.
- Raised awareness of dementia and challenged ideas about what people with dementia can do through media (e.g. twitter, short videos such as the Live-it –Library, published articles, etc.), through engaging with their communities (e.g. schools, banks, museums, hospitals, etc.) and through working with national dementia and other organisations.
- Contributed to ‘Making an Impact Together: Sharing the learning on dementia activism from and across the DEEP network.’
- Reviewed the Dementia Guide published by Alzheimer’s Society.
- Wrote, bought, promoted and sold ‘Welcome to Our World’ book, raising a total of £5600 for Alzheimer’s Society.
- Contributed to the innovative Dementia Friendly Film Club
- Spoke at local and national conferences including those on memory services, care homes, arts, ‘hot potatoes’ admiral nursing, young onset dementia, about their experiences, opinions, and ideas on improving services for people with dementia.
- Helped train KMPT staff in care plans for people with dementia.
- Interviewed for KMPT psychologists and placement students, contributed questions for national recruitments.
- Contributed to consultations on banking/utilities, lasting power of attorney, Essex autonomy project, hospital charity, etc
- Contributed to Dementia Research as participants in studies (e.g. IDEAL/GREAT), through reviewing materials and results publications to ensure they are dementia friendly (e.g. Jocelyne’s research) and by offering to help researchers training in new measures.
- Campaigned for change in ‘Back to Work’ assessments for people with dementia.
- Won the ‘Dementia Friendly Kent Award for ‘Partnership Projects’ from KENT DAA Dementia Awards 2016.