

A One-Day Seminar on Dementia and Disability

Hosted by

The Living with Dementia Programme (LiD) and
The National Institute for Intellectual Disability (NIID)

9am - 4pm, Friday January 16th 2009

Cost: €80- registration fee includes a sandwiched lunch

At NIID, 4th Floor, 3 College Green, Dublin 2, Trinity College Dublin

- How can the discussion of past events, activities and experiences with another person or group impact on quality of life?
- What is the association between Intellectual Disability and Dementia?
- How can empirical research be conducted using a life story approach?
- Web-based archives of individual life stories: what are some of the issues?
- Family caregivers and people with a learning disability: how do reminiscence and life stories work?

Professor Bob Woods is Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Wales and Director of the Welsh Dementia Services Centre. His research interests centre around the psychology of ageing, dementia, family caregivers and interventions used to promote quality of life in persons diagnosed with dementia. He has written several books, numerous book chapters, research articles and reviews. Amongst his publications include an excellent and very useful Cochrane Review of Reminiscence Therapy and its effectiveness in dementia care.

Professor Mary Mc Carron is Professor of Nursing and Midwifery and Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery at Trinity College Dublin. Her research interests are in the area of Intellectual Disability and Dementia, formal and informal caregivers and quality of life. She has published widely both nationally and internationally in this area.

Jessica Breen is a graduate of Regis University in Denver Colorado and is currently a PhD candidate at the School of Social Work and Social Policy Trinity College Dublin. She also lectures part-time at University College Dublin (Criminology) and at Trinity College Dublin in (Qualitative Research). Her PhD looks at the secondary effects of imprisonment in Ireland.

Zoe Hughes is a graduate of the School of Social Work and Social Policy where she completed her Masters in Social Work in 2008. She has worked as a Social Care Worker in residential settings with individuals with special needs. She is currently enrolled as a PhD candidate in the School of Social Work and Social Policy. Her PhD focuses upon Life Story research for people with intellectual disabilities. Zoe will describe how an archive of Life Stories is being developed at the NIID as part of an ICRHSS project.

Margaret Gordon

Margaret Gordon is a Consultant Trainer in the area of Reminiscence and Intellectual Disability in Northern Ireland. She is part of the European Reminiscence Network and The Reminiscence Network Northern Ireland (RNNI) - the lead training organisation in reminiscence work in NI. She has an M.A in Psychology, and an MSc in Advanced Social Work. She has worked in Social Work and Social Work Education since 1971. She is particularly interested in Dementia, and Dementia and Learning Disability and is currently an Associate Trainer for the Dementia Services Development Centre, N.I., and has been Chair of North Down Branch of the Alzheimer's Society for many years.