

Association for Dementia Studies

What we do

**Research, Consultancy,
Education and Development**

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We make a cutting edge contribution to developing evidence-based practical ways of working with people living with dementia, their families, friends and carers that enable them to live well.



We draw on and contribute to the international evidence base for person-centred dementia care.

Using this evidence, we deliver education programmes that empower people to provide skilled, competent and compassionate care.

Our work influences policy change at a local, national and international level and changes practice on the front line.

Our research informs practice and policy for people living with dementia, their families, and the professionals who support them. We work in partnership with organisations across the public, private and third sectors.

People with dementia, their families and their carers inform our work at all stages.

Other Brochures and flyers

- **Education and Development Opportunities for Organisations**
- **University accredited opportunities for Individuals**
- **Masterclass Series - Intensive and interactive workshops for individuals**
- **Stand by me - e-learning course**
- **Meeting Centre Support Programme**
- **Enabling Environments Programme**
- **TAnDem Doctoral Training Centre**
- **Hennell Award**

If you would like a copy of any of these or would like to know more or discuss your ideas, please get in touch via email: dementia@worc.ac.uk or tel: 01905 542531.

Please also look at www.worc.ac.uk/dementia

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Changing Hearts and Minds in Dementia Care

Research and Consultancy

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About our research

Our research activities range from small scale evaluations of dementia care services and environments to major research programmes funded by UK research councils and the European Union. We work with individual organisations at the local level as well as in collaboration with multiple partners from around the world.

We carry out research in many different settings, such as care homes, acute hospitals, extra care housing, schools and social care. We are experienced in using a wide range of traditional and innovative research methods including surveys, interviews, focus groups, evidence synthesis and consensus development techniques.

Developing evidence to improve services and inform policy

Our experienced multi-disciplinary team can provide a range of research, evaluation and consultancy services to meet your specific requirements.

Areas of expertise include:

- Person-centred Environments, Design and Technology
- Creativity, Sports and Nature
- Dementia Friendly Communities
- Housing and Dementia
- Complex Care Services

We are also an Alzheimer's Society Doctoral Training Centre for the Arts and Dementia. This initiative, called TAnDem, is a partnership between the Association for Dementia Studies at the University of Worcester and the Centre for Dementia, University of Nottingham.

More information can be found on our website at:

<http://www.worcester.ac.uk/discover/dementia-recent-current-research.html>

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Consultancy - Working with you to improve your services

Based on our research, the Association for Dementia Studies can offer a range of consultancy, bespoke support packages and service development activities across our wide portfolio. Our areas of expertise include:

- Creating enabling environments
- Peri-diagnostic and post-diagnostic interventions
- Dementia friendly communities and businesses
- Skilled care and leadership for complex care services
- Creativity and the arts
- Quality improvement programmes including tools for practice
- Person-centred dementia care at home, in supported housing, hospitals and care homes
- Activity, sport and nature
- Information, communication and assistive technologies

What do we offer?

We can help you select and use the myriad of tools available to evaluate whether you are providing a person-centred service.

- **Are you new to the Care Fit for VIPS toolkit?** – We can teach you how to use it, walk you through your first self-assessment and help you decide your priorities for change.
- **Do you need to evaluate the impact of training?** – We can visit a sample of your care homes and make an assessment of practice and impact.
- **Are you looking to improve your premises?** – We can carry out site visits to provide advice on particular schemes.
- **Are you planning a new build?** – We will provide tailored consultancy support throughout the lifetime of a project from initiation to post occupancy evaluation focussing on the built environment.
- **Do you have a product which you think will be beneficial to people living with dementia?** – We can evaluate whether it is effective and provide a report for you.



These are just a few examples of what we can do for you. If you think that we can help please contact us by emailing dementia@worc.ac.uk

Education and Development

Education and development opportunities for me

The Association for Dementia Studies offers a range of education and development opportunities, from free online courses, short seminars and one off events to 4-6 day workshops, academic courses and specialist one day masterclasses. Please look at our range of options. If you don't find what you are interested in, do please drop us an email to dementia@worc.ac.uk and we will look and see if it can be included in a future programme. You may find that we do actually cover this but we use another name.

- **Stand by Me**

This free e-learning resource, which was developed by Association for Dementia Studies in collaboration with number of local and national partners, provides an understanding of how to support people with dementia by developing good communication and person-centred care in their own practice, within teams and within organisations. See more information on [Flyer](#) or [Postcard](#)

- **Home is Where the Heart is - Training for domiciliary care workers - cultural competency.**

This new free education resource has been created to provide teaching materials to support the training and education needs of the domiciliary care workforce. The education package can be used by anyone with responsibility for education and quality in organisations that provide care for people living with dementia in their own homes. The programme is made up of three 90 minute sessions that can be delivered all on the same day or sequentially over a number of days to suit the organisation's needs.

- **Seminars and events**

The Association for Dementia Studies offers a range of seminars, if you would like to be informed about future events, please email dementia@worc.ac.uk.

- **Masterclass series**

The Association for Dementia Studies run a series of whole day intensive masterclasses here at the University of Worcester. These are aimed at people working with people living with dementia who wish to further their expertise and practice to improve the care that they give. Further details are in the ADS Masterclass Series brochure

- **Workshops**

You can attend any of our university modules as a workshop without completing an assessment. You will receive a certificate of attendance, if you complete a minimum attendance. Topics include:

- **Dementia care in the hospital setting** - This 6-day workshop is designed to enable health and social care staff working in an acute care or community hospital setting to develop the knowledge, skills and awareness necessary to provide a quality, person-centred service for people with dementia and their families and carers.
- **Dementia care in a community setting** - This 6-day workshop is designed for dementia specialists and champions who support people who are living with dementia and their families in a variety of community based settings including care homes, domiciliary care, housing, intermediate care and community.

University academic courses (see *University Accredited opportunities brochure* for more information)

The University of Worcester offers a number of courses and modules with a dementia focus at different academic levels from Foundation Degree to Masters courses and PhD study.

Academic courses

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• Dementia Studies Foundation Degree

A two-year study course, designed and delivered in partnership with people with dementia, family carers and employers. One day a week attendance at University during term times, with work based placements offering the opportunity to apply learning.

• Level 6 (Degree level)

- Staff working in a hospital setting
- Staff working in a community setting

• Level 7 (Masters level)

- Working with people with dementia -Applying the Admiral Nursing Competency Framework
- Advanced Practice in Delivering Person-Centred Care: *Implementing the FITS into Practice (Focused Intervention Training and Support) Programme (Double module)*

Shorter courses, workshops and masterclasses

You can choose the Masterclass you need or buy some or all of the suite. They can also be delivered at the University, at your own location or at another venue of your choice

University Credits

Depending on the length of the course, delegates have the opportunity to undertake a piece of independent study and be awarded university credit at level 6 (degree) or level 7 (masters), by completing the Negotiated Learning module or via the Acute or Community Course assignment.

Education and development opportunities for organisations

Education courses can be created and/or tailored to the specific needs of an organisation and be delivered at a location that is convenient to their employees. Some examples are shown below.

- Leading person-centred services for people living with dementia
- Specialist Practice in Dementia Care
- The VIPS framework for excellence in dementia care
- Excellent Care for Patients with Dementia in Hospitals and Community Settings
- Shorter courses, workshops and masterclasses

Development Opportunities for my team

We can also provide dementia education for teams and communities of practice. Those we have recently provided include General Practitioners. Search and Rescue and Solicitors for the elderly. For example, we have delivered a 3-hour education programme aimed at GPs and senior members of the Primary Care Team with responsibility for or an interest in dementia care. This covers a range of topics to support positive communication pre and post diagnosis with the person with dementia and the development of a dementia friendly surgery.

More information can be found in the Education and Development Opportunities and Masterclass Brochures and in specific course flyers

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Tools and resources

The Association for Dementia Studies has created a number of tools and resources that are available for your organisation to use:



<http://www.carefitforvips.co.uk/>

Home is Where the Heart is: Training for home care supporters for people living with dementia from diverse cultures

Teaching materials to support the training and education needs of the domiciliary care workforce

<https://homeiswheretheheartis2016blog.wordpress>

Care Fit for VIPS -

A free, online toolkit to help care providers improve the quality of their dementia care. If you have a part in running a care home, domiciliary care service or day centre where there are people with dementia, this tool can help you.

Cultural Competency -

This education package can be used free of charge by anyone with responsibility for education and quality in organisations that provide care for people living with dementia in their own homes.



Stand by Me eLearning resource

Aimed at all health and social care staff, this free resource is available on the Skills for Health website.

<http://www.nsahealth.org.uk/standbyme>

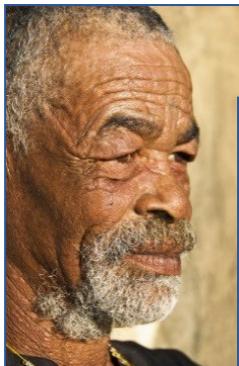


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Drawing on our extensive understanding of the needs of people with dementia and utilising the most up to date research, clinical information and examples of best practice, we provide a range of education programmes for health and care staff.

Our experienced multi-professional education team involve, challenge and inspire delegates to improve practice.

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