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SPIN-D Network+ Newsletter | December 2025

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**SPIN-D**  
**NETWORK+**

Sustainable Prevention,  
Innovation and Involvement  
for Dementia

## Welcome to the December 2025 edition of the SPIN-D Network+ Newsletter

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Our newsletter this month includes our Connecting Communities podcast, upcoming events and wider dementia network plus news.

We would like to wish you a very happy holiday season and we look forward to connecting more in 2026.

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## SPIN-D Connecting Communities Podcast - Episode 2: Community Trust and Representation

Episode 2: *Community Trust and Representation* is now available to listen to on YouTube. Recorded in April 2025.

The 'Connecting Communities and Dementia' series listens to Di Burbidge from Chinese Wellbeing, Ruth Eley from Together In Dementia Everyday and Dr Clare Hammerton, SPIN-D's Co-production and People and Carers Involvement Lead, talking about the journey of Chinese Wellbeing to raise awareness and bring brain health and dementia services to the Chinese community in Liverpool.



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## Upcoming Events in 2026

Events hosted, attended, or represented by members of the network are listed on the [SPIN-D Network+ Calendar](#)

**SPIN-D & INTERDEM Academy Workshop**  
**19th & 20th January**  
**University of Northampton**

Inviting Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to apply to join a collaborative SPIN-D and INTERDEM Academy in-person event designed specifically for ECRs working in dementia research. The focus is on developing new, collaborative research ideas in dementia prevention within a supportive and inclusive environment. As places are limited to 30, attendance will be confirmed once forms are received.

To register, please complete the booking form using this link:

**[Application form](#)**

**Flexible Fund Information + Q&A Webinar with Dementia Researcher**

**22nd January (to be confirmed)**

**Online**

Those who have signed up to our newsletter will be notified via email. We will also share further information across our socials in the new year.

**Save the date: Engaged Partners Forum**

**27th January**

**Online**

Inviting people with lived experience of dementia and their carers, not-for-profit, local dementia support groups and industry partners. The forum aims to harness the SPIN-D network to identify topics for collaboration, research gaps, and further ways in which we can support each other.

Further details will be shared via email and social media in the new year.

**Spotlight on LGBTQIA+ and dementia: Exploring brain health and addressing inequities**

**25th February**

**London**

SPIN-Dementia Network, DETERMIND, Innovations in Dementia, and Together in Dementia Everyday (tide), are facilitating an in-person day to explore connections between LGBTQIA+ and Dementia. Inviting people with all levels of knowledge and interest including researchers, funders, people with dementia and carers, coordinators, managers, and providers.

Limited numbers. Find out more and register:

<https://spindementianet.org/spotlight-on-lgbtqia/>

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## News from across the Dementia Network Plus

### **BRIDGES for Dementia Network+ Launch**

**5th February 2026**

BRIDGES for Dementia Network+ will rethink how technology can help people with dementia live full, independent, and connected lives. During this event, BRIDGES will share their vision for their Network+ and outline upcoming opportunities to get involved. The launch will also provide a valuable chance for researchers, practitioners and members of the general public with an interest in this area to connect and exchange ideas.

This is an **in-person event**, with an option to attend **remotely**.

Find out more and register here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/bridgesfordementianetwork/1957775>

**Join Dementia Research Service**



Thousands of volunteers are ready to take part in your dementia studies

Improve your study recruitment by using the Join Dementia Research Service. This easy-to-use service allows you to have access to more than 90,000 volunteers registered to take part in dementia research.

The service can put you in touch with volunteers across the country, with or without a dementia diagnosis, who are interested in taking part. By adding your study to the service, you can find potential participants who match your eligibility criteria. The service helps researchers to improve study recruitment, enabling studies to be delivered on time and to target.

Visit the [Join Dementia Research website](#) to find out how you can use the service to recruit to your study.

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## The Dementia Network Plus Initiative

[\*\*SPIN-D Network+\*\*](#) is one of four Dementia Network Plus initiatives jointly funded by the Alzheimer's Society, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC, part of UK Research and Innovation), and the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).

Learn more about [\*\*EMPOWER Network+\*\*](#)

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