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

Sustainable Prevention,  
Innovation and Involvement  
for Dementia

## **Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the SPIN-D Network+ Newsletter**

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Our newsletter this month delivers an update on the Rural and Coastal Special Interest group, the recently published, 'Caring for People Living with Dementia' report, and news and events from across the dementia network plus initiative.

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### **SPIN-D Network News**

#### **Rural and Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG)**

If you missed the webinar on 'Co-producing dementia research in coastal communities', you can now watch the full recording on YouTube.



**Sign up to join the SPIN-D Rural and Coastal SIG**

## **AHRC commissioned scoping report: 'Caring for People Living with Dementia'**

Researchers at the University of Strathclyde have produced a scoping report for the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). This scoping project was commissioned to explore how design-led research can support the UK government's mission of increasing the proportion of people receiving a dementia diagnosis within the first 18 weeks of referral to 92% by 2029. Members of SPIN-D and other dementia network plus teams attended a consultation workshop. They were Chris Fox (SPIN-D co-lead), Georgina Charlesworth (SPIN-D co-lead), Clarissa (EQUADEM), Andy (EMPOWER) and Arlene (TEDI), Shirley Evans (SPIN-D and Zed Tech) with contributions from Kieren Egan (SPIN-D and CONSOLIDATE).

**[You can download and read the report here.](#)**

## Caring for People Living with Dementia

A Scoping Report for the Arts and Humanities  
Research Council (AHRC)

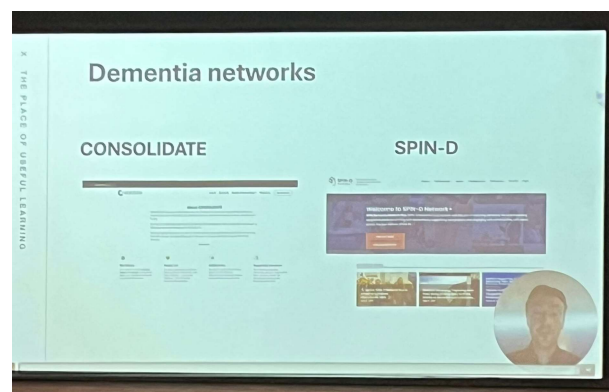
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**Neslihan Tepehan**  
**Andrew Robinson**  
**Ross Brisco**



## Faculty of the Psychology of Older People (FPOP) Annual Conference 2026 in Durham

**Kieren Egan**, part of SPIN-D and CONSOLIDATE Dementia network+, was speaking at the Faculty of the Psychology of Older People (FPOP) Annual Conference 2026 in Durham on 'Transitions to Caregiving'.

**Georgina Charlesworth** (SPIN-D co-lead) was also in attendance showcasing some of our new flyers along with the poster, 'Co-producing the Sustainable Prevention, Innovation and Involvement for Dementia (SPIN-D) Network+'. Co-authors: **Clare Hammerton, Emily Paremain, Debra Gingell, Jacqueline Parkes, Jane Cross, Helen Dawes, Chris Fox.**





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## Events

### Webinar: WHO Guidelines on Risk Reduction of Cognitive Decline and Dementia

Thursday, 16 July 2026, Online  
3:30 p.m. CEST

This high-level event will feature people with lived experience, scientific experts and country representatives. The updated guidelines reflect the latest evidence and provide practical recommendations to help countries, health systems and communities strengthen dementia risk reduction across the life course. The webinar will present the new and updated recommendations and explore practical actions to support brain health. The webinar will be held in English with French, Portuguese and Spanish interpretation.

**[Click here to register in advance for this Webinar](#)**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

### Save the date: SPIN-D Flexible Fund Showcase

Tuesday, 6th October 2026  
York

This event aims to bring together researchers who were awarded funding under the first call of the flexible fund. They will present their findings and discuss their projects in more detail. Further details of the event and registration will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

**[Learn more about the flexible fund projects here](#)**

All events hosted, attended, or represented by members of the network are listed on the **[SPIN-D Network+ Calendar](#)** on our website.

**[Follow SPIN-D Network Plus on LinkedIn](#)** to stay up to date with events and activities.

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## **Early Career Researcher (ECR) Opportunities**

Resources we are happy to share with our ECR network this month on behalf of external organisations and institutions.

### **Opportunity to receive mentoring in Peer Review with the British Psychological Society**

This opportunity is open to applicants who:

- Have been awarded a doctorate in psychology or a nearly related field
- Hold a teaching or research post in an academic institution for no more than 8 years.
- Have published at least three articles, including one for which they are the first or corresponding author.
- If successful, the ECR reviewer will receive initial training in best practice in peer review through the Wiley Reviewer Academy. Additional and on-going support will also be available through a range of webinars and training materials at Wiley.

For further information:

**<https://bpspsychub.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/earlycareermentoring>**

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## Other News and Resources

### Research Participation Opportunity with the Strategy Unit

The Strategy Unit are inviting NHS staff and other professionals involved in dementia care and support to take part in online interviews exploring how services can better meet the needs of global majority communities. We're keen to hear from a broad range of professionals across the dementia pathway and thought your network may be able to help.

They have developed a short expression of interest form for people to register their interest in taking part, which also provides further information.

#### [Complete the Expression of Interest Form](#)

**DO YOU WORK IN, SUPPORT, OR RESEARCH DEMENTIA CARE? WE WANT YOUR INSIGHTS!**

**The Strategy Unit.**

**What is this research about?**  
We are inviting participants to take part in online interviews exploring how dementia services can better meet the needs of global majority communities. This is part of a wider review of cultural adaptations in dementia care in England.

**Who can take part?**

- Professionals involved in dementia care and support, commissioners of dementia services and dementia researchers
- **AND** learned experience of the inequities experienced by people of the global majority living with dementia and their carers.

**How to take part?**  
Scan the QR code to register your interest. For more information contact Ellie Jones - [eleanor.jones45@nhs.net](mailto:eleanor.jones45@nhs.net)

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**Donate to SPIN-D Link Now Live on Website**

There is now an option to donate to SPIN-D to extend the life of the network beyond its funding. Donations directly support the SPIN-D network activities, including events, workshops, training for early career researchers and research projects for understanding brain health, dementia risk and supporting people with early stages of dementia and their carers.

[Learn more about donating to SPIN-D](#)

**SPIN-D Network+** is now one of eight Dementia Network Plus initiatives.

Four networks are 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).

**EMPOWER Network+**

**EQUADEM Network+**

**Working with Dementia Network+**

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**CONSOLIDATE (Heriot Watt University)**

**TEDI (Northumbria University)**

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