Dementia and Human Rights:

looking through the other end of the telescope

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What rights?

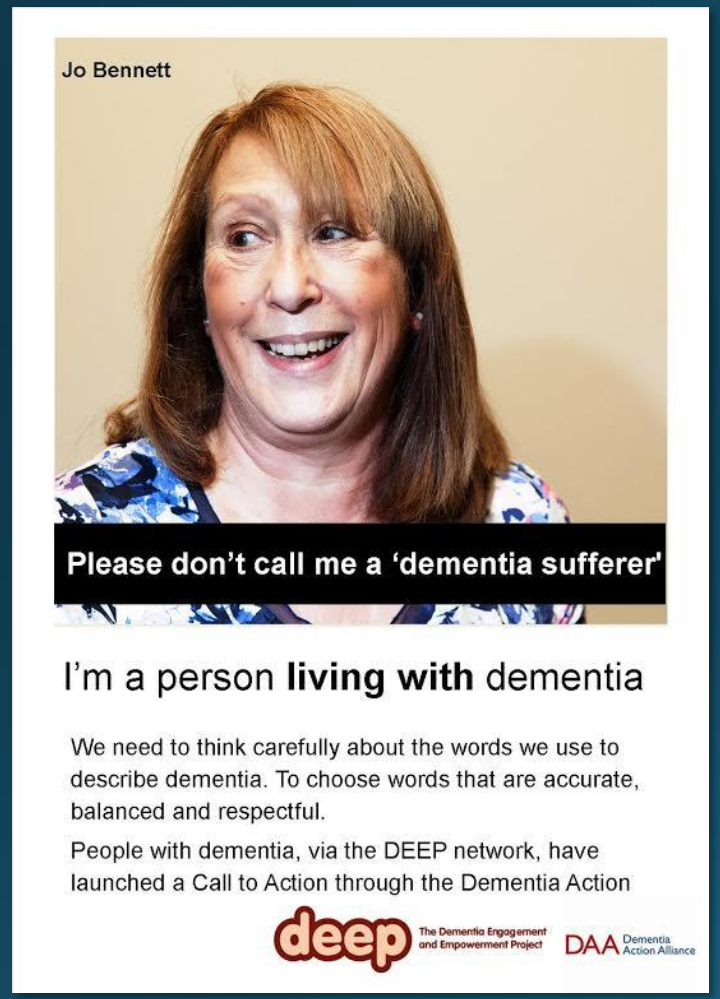
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) 2006
- The Equality Act 2010
- Mental capacity law
- The Care Act 2014

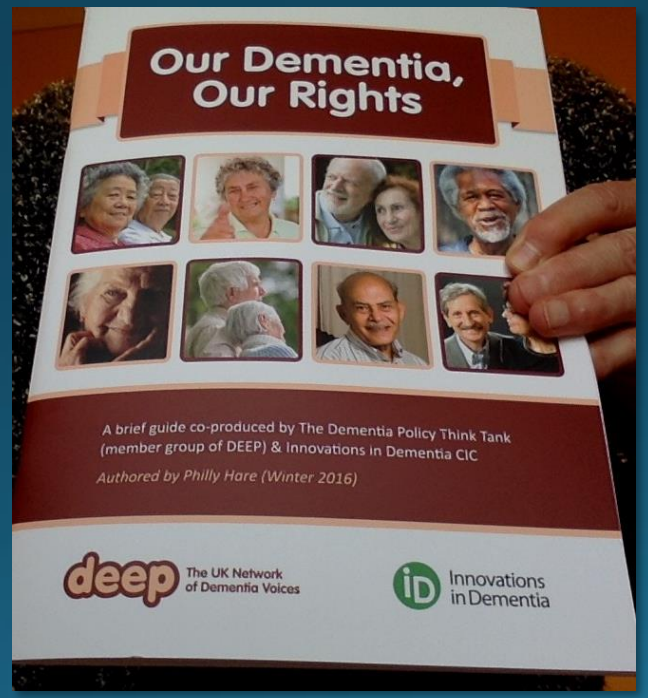
A turning point in the history of dementia

- Over 100 groups in DEEP – the UK Network of Dementia Voices
- New opportunities with social media
- Rights based national strategies
- ADI global commitment to rights based approach
- Dementia Alliance International
- 'Living with' not 'suffering from'…

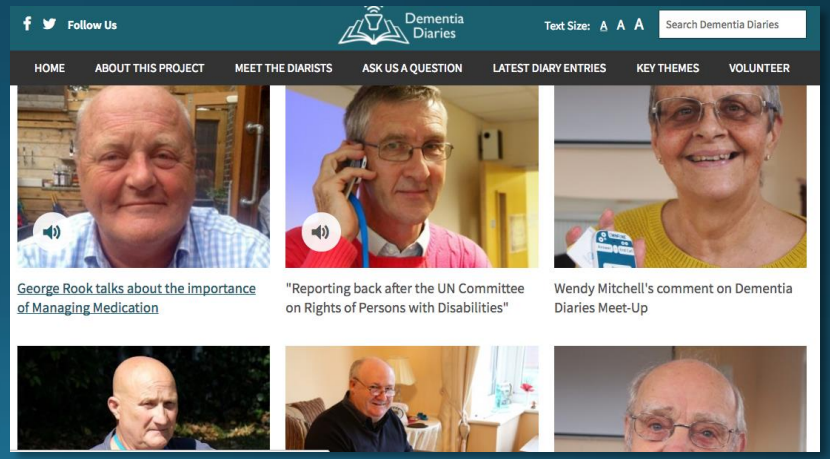
International impact

National level projects



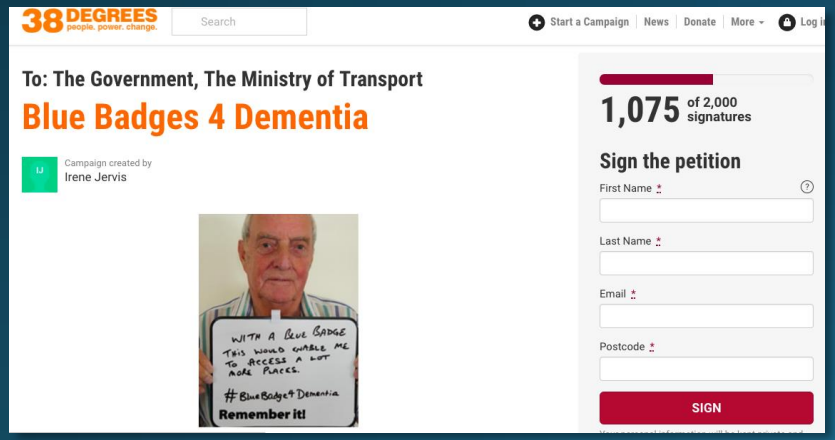


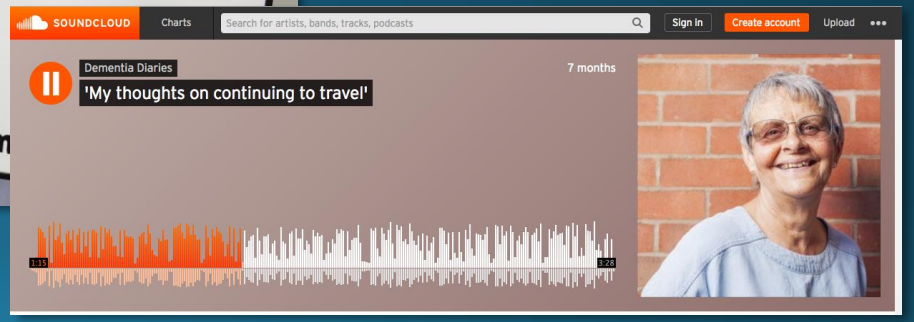
- Dementia Words Matter
- Our Dementia, Our Rights
- Dementia Diaries



Making rights real locally

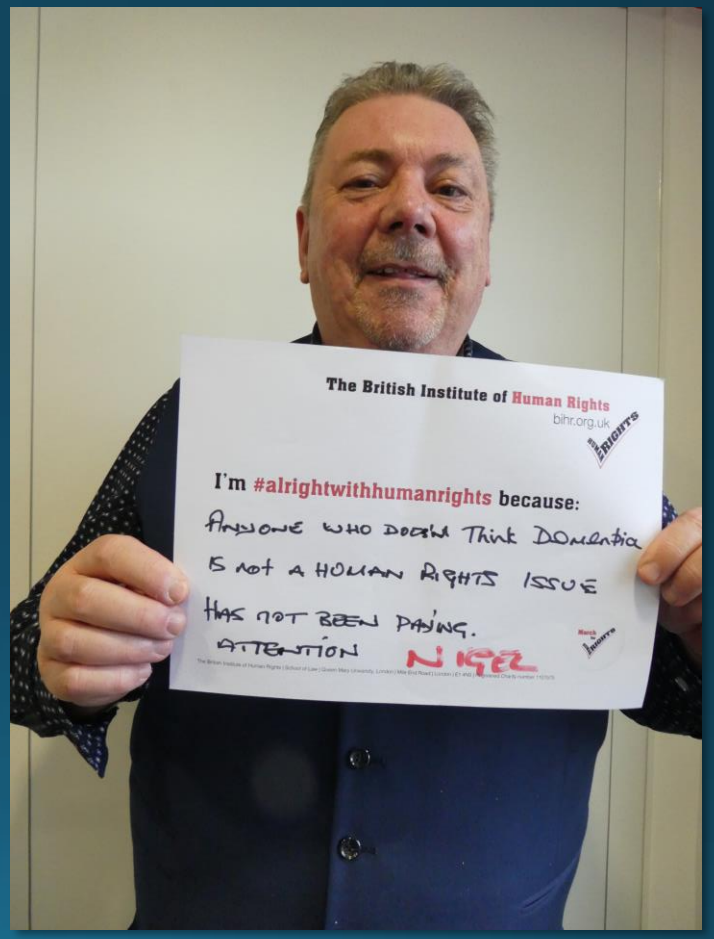
- Yorkshire project 'Our Right to Get Out & About'
- Use petitions, iPhone films, stories, letters, art…
- Fun!





A rights-based approach…

- *includes* rather than segregates
- locates dementia into the social model of disability
- is a lever for change against discrimination
- gives power to disempowered groups and individuals (rights, not needs or wants)
- gives protection and clarity
- enables people with dementia to set the agenda
- can create a cultural shift



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