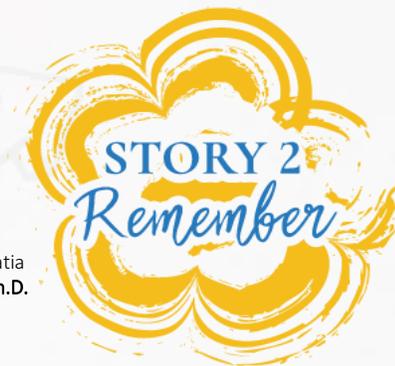


Story2Remember: Using Drama and Storytelling in Dementia care



Background

There is no treatment currently available to cure dementia or alter its progressive course. However, much can be offered to support and improve the well-being of people with dementia and their caregivers. The Erasmus+ project “Story2Remember” is a consortium of six entities from five countries and aims to:

- improve quality of life of both people with dementia and their caregivers
- improve health care professionals’ skills
- increase social inclusion of people with dementia
- raise social awareness on dementia issue

Methodology

The innovative concept of this project is to support care professionals through creative techniques of storytelling and drama. The resources developed under the project extends the supply of these high-quality learning opportunities to caregivers by offering them a toolkit to improve communication with people with dementia. The project was developed in collaboration with practitioners and drew on the academic literature to support the development of the initiative. In a transnational partnership formed by organisations from Romania (coordinator), Greece, UK, Bulgaria and Ireland, the project also proposes a public policy recommendation document to create dementia friendly communities.

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POLICY RECOMMENDATION

For creating dementia-friendly communities/institutions in terms of raising awareness and integrating tools as creative arts in the care of persons with AD. The publication will summarize the project findings and results.

Leading Organisation



TRAINING HANDBOOK

Using drama and storytelling techniques targeting health and social care professionals.

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BOOKLET

“Creative Drama and Storytelling in Dementia Care: Information for Practitioners”.

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TOOLKIT

Improving communication between family carers and persons diagnosed with dementia.

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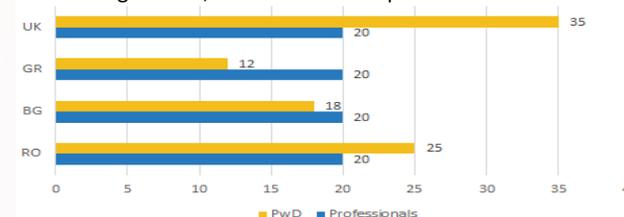


Results

1. The Booklet provides an overview of how creative drama and storytelling are being used within the dementia care field and the benefits they may have to/for people with dementia and their care partners. It draws on theoretical understandings of ‘social inclusion’ to illustrate how researchers and practitioners across the Erasmus + partner countries, are using these creative initiatives to promote this important facet for people affected by dementia.
2. The Training Handbook using storytelling and creative drama techniques provides guidance to professionals who wish to deliver experiential workshops to people with dementia. Outcomes from the pilot of the training programme to 80 health care professionals and to over 70 people with dementia from all partner countries, showed a positive impact to both PwD and professionals.
3. Under development - Toolkit for carers and a Recommendation /Report for creating dementia-friendly communities/institutions .

Additionally, at the end of the project five final workshops will be held in each partner’s country.

Training Results, Number of Participants



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