



Person-Centred Dementia Care Conference

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1st announcement



Invitation

It is time to reflect on the advances made in care for persons with dementia. The term person-centred care has been widely used, misused and ill defined. It seems that any dementia care initiative has to claim to be person-centred ('pc') in order to be 'PC' (politically correct). Although the term sounds good it can be questionable what lies behind the rhetoric. The conference will provide participants with a fresh definition to the important ideas behind – originally developed by the late Professor Tom Kitwood - and the implementation of person-centred care for persons with dementia.

It is also time to reflect on 100 years of Alzheimer's. The concept of Alzheimer's has changed through its first century of use and now needs to change again. Many myths have evolved about what Alzheimer's disease is. These myths can add to the stigma attached to the disease and stand in the way of our ability to understand and help people suffering from Alzheimer's. The conference will provide an opportunity for participants to consider if 100 years of Alzheimer's disease is enough and to consider a justification for an integrative biopsychosocial narrative approach to Alzheimer's disease.

This one-day conference will feature some of the best speakers from around the world discussing the latest international results in research on the diagnostic classification of Alzheimer's disease and the term person-centred dementia care. The participants will be offered clear, accessible guidelines on how to put person-centred care into operation in organisations and families that care for persons with dementia.

Don't miss the opportunity to get the latest knowledge and to get new inspiration from best practices presented by professionals from countries all over the world. Tick-off this conference in your calendar.

Who can participate?

Persons working with or interested in dementia care e.g. practitioners, researchers, policy makers, NGOs, persons from the educational sector and family members to persons with dementia.

Keynote Speakers at the conference

Peter J. Whitehouse, M.D.-Ph.D.

Professor of Neurology, Cognitive Science, Psychiatry, Neuroscience, Psychology, Nursing, Organizational Behavior and History at Case Western Reserve University. Attending Physician at University Hospitals Case Medical Center. Director, Adult Learning, The Intergenerational School, USA

Dawn Brooker, Bsc Msc PhD CPsychol (clin)

Professor of Dementia Care Practice and Research, Bradford Dementia Group, University of Bradford, UK

Christian Müller-Hergl, DCM Strategic Lead

Dialogzentrum Demenz, Institut für Pflegewissenschaft, Universität Witten-Herdecke
In Via Akademie, Meinwerk-Institut, Germany

Furthermore, there will be speakers from Australia, Denmark, Japan, Portugal, Spain and South Korea.

Organising Committee

The conference is organised in cooperation between The Danish Knowledge Center on Ageing and the City of Copenhagen, Health & Care Administration.

The organising committee is:

Eva Bonde Nielsen, The Danish Knowledge Center on Ageing (chairman)

Dorte Høeg, The Danish Knowledge Center on Ageing

Charlotte Agger, Dementia Center Pilehuset, Copenhagen

Joan Agine, Health & Care Administration, City of Copenhagen

Claus Holst, Daniee (The Danish National Institute for Elderly Education)

Berit Soon Olsen, Health & Care Administration, City of Copenhagen

Vibeke Drevsen Bach, Dementia Center Pilehuset, Copenhagen

Grete Madsen, Health & Care Administration, City of Copenhagen (coordinator)

Conference site

The conference will be held at Nordatlantens Brygge, a beautifully restored warehouse at Christianshavn in the centre of Copenhagen. A map will be included in the next announcement.

Conference fees

The fee will be DKK 1,750 (€ 240). This includes conference material, lunch, coffee/tea.

Other practicalities

Conference language will be English. Simultaneous interpretation will not be provided.

If you have a colleague who you think might be interested in being invited for the conference, please send an e-mail to: grete.madsen@suf.kk.dk with name, title, full work address and e-mail address on the person.

Further information

Please visit: www.aeldreviden.dk or www.daniae.dk/konference

2nd announcement with full programme and registration form will be sent out in the middle of June 2007. Don't forget to mark the conference date in your calendar!

We hope to see you in October!