


KT-EQUAL

Putting Ageing and Disability
Research into Practice

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Consortium



- Occupational Therapy Rehabilitation
- Social work administration
- Participative design & change management
- Computing/HCI
- Landscape Architecture
- Psychology
- Engineering Design
- Built Environment
- Acoustics PE & media

+ Advisory group



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KT-EQUAL Questions

- How can we
 - produce research which is more useful to users?
 - produce commercially successful inclusive products and services?
 - influence policy and practice?
 - make sure that research outcomes are known about and used?
 - foster KT skills in researchers?
 - get more ageing and disability research?



Consultation and advocacy

- New and continuation of strategic partnerships
 - professional bodies, third sector organisation, public sector and industry
 - Identify needs & ways of engaging with stakeholders
- Establishing strategic partnerships with funders to lever opportunities for new researchers in ageing and disability
- Engagement with policy makers, policy implementers, public figures, enabling timely response to contemporary drivers for change



Ensuring the continuity of research

- New researchers
- Future research leaders
- Re-engage researchers



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- A rolling training programme in KT for new researchers – autumn residential
- Enhancing KT capacity and awareness of KT
 - E.g.
 - routes to market for promising technologies
 - training in effective policy engagement
- Mentoring
- New ageing and disability research networks



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- proceedings of activities
- funding opportunities
- case studies
 - successful research e.g. Improved products, services, good practice in the home or workplace
 - Best practice and critical success factors for KT and user engagement
- advertise training, workshops, and KT opportunities
- Resources – e.g. toolkits to promote research to designers, guide built environment developers etc.



Publicity

- Dissemination of research outputs in publicly accessible and understandable formats
- Aimed also at stakeholders
- News stories
- Programme ideas

Ageing research going places



Think Tank: communities of interest

- Health and well being
- Independent living
- Self management



Events

- Facilitation of events in the spirit of SPARC Workshops
 - Academic and non-academic communities together
 - Showcase research deliverables
- Exciting plans for different events formats



Some of what we have organised

Events

- Technology for people with dementia
- The design of analgesic outside spaces
- Inclusive design in education



Possible future events

- Riba accredited RNIB/Cambridge Inclusive Design training event (London, Oct 2009 paid event)
- Boundary between inclusive design & assistive technology or inclusive health (Cambridge Workshop on Universal Access & Assistive Technology)
- Falls Awareness Day - 23rd June 2009. In collaboration with Help the Aged.
- Walk 21 conference in New York in October 2009 –I'DGO TOO walkabout
- CIB World Building Congress 2010 - Building a Better World, Salford Quays. KT-EQUAL session (or day)
- HealthQWest and SPARColl (Scottish Physical Activity Research Collaboration)
- Rehabilitation robotics and assistive technologies (working title), University of Hertfordshire, Autumn
- The retail model for assistive technologies
- Exercise and Healthy Living (Sept)
- Pain in older age: needs, assessment and management
- Ageing & Long term health conditions: Understanding comorbidity.
- Inclusive Street Furniture

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Think tank

- New and emerging communities of interest and KT champions
- Identification of topics for research, development and KT
- Analysis of the facilitators and barriers to KT identified by priority user groups
- Ideas for new KT partnerships focused on key priorities for older people
- Identification and dissemination of best practice regarding the engagement of older people



Exploiting K-T through the existing consortia

- SMART
- I'DGO TOO
- i~design
- annual cross-consortia workshop
- cross-consortia working e.g. project bids



Questions for you

- What are the major blocks to getting ageing and disability research used (that KT-EQUAL needs to tackle?)
- If KT-EQUAL did only one thing to improve ageing and disability research and KT, what would that be?

