

Summary of IOP Projects

1. AUDITORY - The Use and Misuse of Auditory Profiles

Project Leader: Christine DePlacido

Many older people are not getting the aural rehabilitation they need. In this study, we worked with older people to identify the relevant barriers and facilitators. Our results will inform policy (how services are deployed) and practice (how rehabilitation can best be facilitated).

2. CREATIVITY - The older persons' experiences of creativity, in relation to wellbeing: a co-participatory research project

Project Leader: Dr V Karkou, QMU

In this project, we worked collaboratively with older people, exploring their response to creativity. We recognise that the post-retired older person is not always creatively fulfilled and we offered an opportunity for active involvement.

3. FINANCE - Scottish Seniors: Evaluation of a testing and approval scheme for financial systems and products

Project Leader: Carol Brennan, QMU

Central to this role is the creation of a role for older people as active contributors to the enhanced usability of financial products and services.

4. DRAMA - An examination of how effective a drama process – Image Theatre – can be in generating critical dialogue within a care home community to support practice development.

Project Leader: Esther Walker, Forum Interactive Ltd

Findings from this project will be used to develop a learning event for use in care settings to support the development of care practice through Connect in Care. Integral to this project, and to the philosophy of Connect in Care itself, was the involvement of older people in service evaluation and delivery and an improvement in the quality and experience of care they receive.

5. ACTIVISM - Older People's Activism and Older People's Issues

Project Leader: Eurig Scandrett, QMU

This project identified a comparison between issues faced by older people who have been active in the women's peace, student and communist social movements, with the issues faced by those who have become active in promoting the interests of older people.

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