



## Welcome to the first MinD newsletter

People with Alzheimer's and other dementias are set to benefit from the ground-breaking new design project 'MinD', a consortium of 13 European and international partners led by University of Wolverhampton.

People with dementia frequently struggle with memory and perceptions of identity and the work is aimed at helping them to cope better with every day social situations. The project aims to improve their wellbeing by increasing perceptions of self-empowerment and social engagement.

The researchers participating in the MinD project will be developing innovative mindful design solutions, including wearable designs as well as environmental interventions. The designs are aimed at enabling individuals to manage their condition, develop perceptions of self-empowerment, and build confidence.

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Visit 1  
United Kingdom

The first secondment to the UK was hosted by both UW and NHT. Many events were conducted jointly to enable exchange of expertise and understanding of mindfulness,



Visit 2  
Luxembourg

Visit 2, the first secondment in Luxembourg, was hosted by UL and AE. This secondment was dedicated to detailed development of the project framework and the data collection methods.



MinD goes to  
Brussels

Visit 2 also included a visit to Brussels to gain information on current dementia policy, to set the project within the larger context. Participants attended the Alzheimer Europe (AE) lunchtime debate on the UN Convention

- dementia care (WP3), design, ICT - all concepts in this interdisciplinary project; development of the mindful framework (WP2) for Phase 1 data collection/ analysis
- (considering) the needs of both participants and designers); and management (WP1) and training (WP7).

The visit transferred knowledge for a better overall understanding of the project areas.

The secondment further included a visit by selected participants to the Design Research Society Conference 2016 to gather intelligence around the state of the art in the use of design to support dementia care.

The visit has continued to promote knowledge sharing and a better understanding of the different project concepts and areas. It has refined the direction and detail for the methods of data collection, ready for the data collection phase, from August.

for the rights of people with disabilities, where it was noted that people with dementia are not classed as having a disability, which means they are not protected by all conventions.

Participants also attended the AE public affairs meeting and presented the MinD project, followed by a Q&A session. They found out more about the different care models, cultural contexts and implementation stages in the countries represented by AE.

## Meet the partners

Go to our website to find out more about the 13 partners who make up our consortium. [Read more](#)

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