

Organisations offering support, guidance and inspiration for developing creative activity for people living with dementia.

National organisations and networks

Age of creativity	https://www.ageofcreativity.co.uk/	National network dedicated to creative ageing across England.
CDAN	https://oxfordshire.org/project/creative-dementia-arts-network/	Creative Dementia Arts Network (CDAN) helps artists, arts organisations and arts venues to adapt their work for people with dementia and their carers.
My Dementia Network	https://my.dementia.network/	National network of activity for people living with dementia
Creative Dementia Arts Network	https://en-gb.facebook.com/CreativeDementiaArtsNetwork/	National network of creative practitioners specialising in dementia care
Dementia Voices	https://www.dementivoices.org.uk/deep-resources/resources-for-deep-groups/	National network of people living with dementia, the resource page may be useful to care homes
Entelechy Arts	https://entelechyarts.org/	Arts organisation dedicated to art and older people
CADA	https://cadaengland.org/our-projects/	Creative Ageing, national organisation for the development of creative ageing
Arts 4 Dementia	https://arts4dementia.org.uk/	National charity that uses the arts to supports people living with dementia
Alchemy Arts	https://www.alchemyarts.co.uk/my-memory-cloud/	My Memory Cloud project helps create a virtual timeline for individuals living with dementia. The condition can leave individuals feeling lost and alone, but with My Memory Cloud, we aim to keep those memories alive for as long as possible.

Examples of creative practice in care homes

Music For Life	https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/learning/music-for-life	Music for Life is a pioneering programme for people living with dementia and their families, friends and carers
Lost Chord	https://lost-chord.org.uk/	Musical activity for people living in care homes
Magic Me	https://magicme.co.uk/project/artists-residencies-in-care-homes-essex/	Artists Residencies in Care Homes
Spare Tyre	https://www.sparetyre.org/whats-on/projects/together-arts-for-older-people-in-haringey	Every week, we visit the Haynes Centre, a specialist dementia hub providing daytime services to people living with dementias. As dementia arts specialists, we lead participatory arts activities throughout the day, helping embed creativity into the Centre's regular practice.

Resources and activities

Museums & Wellbeing Alliance	https://museumsandwellbeingalliance.files.wordpress.com/2015/09/arts-and-dementia-toolkit.pdf	Guide for arts activities for people living with dementia
Nottingham University	https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/dawn/index.aspx	Resource about arts and dementia
Story Box	https://storyboxathome.smallthings.org.uk/	Resources and activities
The Lowry / GMCA	https://thelowrycreativehub.com/	Creative Care Kit for older people. Easy to use tool kit with lots of worksheets on creative activity for older people
MCA (international)	https://www.mca.com.au/learn/art-dementia/#toolkit	Art and Dementia, online tool kit A creative resource designed for people living with dementia and their support network.
Vibrant Communities	https://www.vibrantcommunities.co.uk/	Online activities designed for people living in care homes
Play List for Life	https://www.playlistforlife.org.uk/	Guidance in providing a personalised playlist, low-cost and tool which 'can bring joy and highlight the 'me' in dementia'.
Dementia UK	https://www.dementiauk.org/the-arts-creativity-and-dementia/	Info on impact of arts on dementia

Examples of creative work with people living with dementia (GM based)

Ground Work	https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hubs/greatermanchester/project-case-studies/case-study-designing-age-uks-dementia-friendly-garden-in-tameside/	Information about creating a dementia friendly garden
City of Trees	https://www.cityoftrees.org.uk/project/dementia-naturally-active	Information about creating a dementia friendly garden
Manchester Camerata	https://manchestercamerata.co.uk/community/music-in-mind/	Award-winning Music in Mind programme for people with dementia
String of Hearts	https://www.stringofhearts.co.uk/index.html	Community arts organisation which connects older adults through music, to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing in later life. Also works with freelancers who would travel across GM
Arts for Dementia (Wigan)	https://my.dementia.network/events/united-kingdom/greater-manchester/wigan/events/dementia-for-arts-drawing-class/	Dementia cafe in Wigan with drawing classes - you could approach the artist to deliver sessions in your care home.
Octagon Theatre	https://octagonbolton.co.uk/whats-on/special-event/creative-dementia-cafe/	Octagon Theatre Dementia Cafe, staff may have advice / support in helping care homes develop creative activity and link with local artists.
Together Dementia	https://www.togetherdementiasupport.org/	Support people across Manchester and North Trafford to live positively with dementia.
Simply Cycling	https://simply-cycling.org/	Charity offering cycling to disabled people, hundreds of adapted bikes. Also offer bikes and support to people living with dementia