



We enter in the last months of the WeDO2 project, which does not mean this is the end of the WeDO movement.

You will find in this newsletter a wealth of very good signs the movement will not only continue but grow and “spread like an oil stain” as mentioned by Liesbeth De Donder, WeDO2 project coordinator. So,

**Be part of the movement,
Ask information on the WeDO2 training,
and spread the word!**

I. Project News



From the 17th to the 19th June 2015 was organized the fifth and last transnational meeting of WeDO2 in Slough, the United Kingdom. It was also the final WeDO2 EU event.

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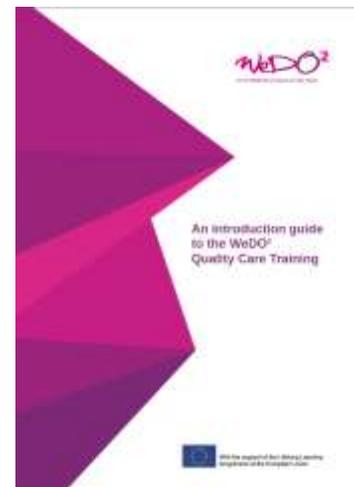
■ **Release of the Quality of care training package**

It is now ready!

Our full Quality care training package is now available freely for download on: <http://wedo.ttp.eu/quality-care-training-package>.

The **Quality care training package** includes:

- An **introduction guide**, which explains the what, why and how of the training package and includes some experiences from the WeDO2 project training testing sessions.
- A **manual** for trainers, guiding them through the training and giving them a full detailed description of the training modules and the different steps to take
- The **training** as such, including:
 - o Step 1: the Vision – with pictures, videos, and other ideas to open the session
 - o Step 2: Charter of rights/ EU quality framework to explain a rights-based approach to quality care
 - o Step 3: What can We Do, to work on actions to take to improve quality of care in your own organization, team, discussion group, etc.



The training is available in English, Dutch, German, French, Greek and Polish.

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■ Final event WeDO2

The WeDO2 project final event was organised on 18th June 2015 in the framework of the 10th Elder abuse awareness day. The event aimed to showcase the positive mindset that was part of the whole WeDO2 project and share with the 80 participants a flavor of the wealth of experiences and lessons learned from the project to improve the wellbeing and dignity of older persons. It also aimed to launch the WeDO2 Quality care training package.

The meeting was chaired by Marcia Brown, chair of the Older people's forum in Slough. After an introduction by Kevin Griffiths, director of Age concern Slough East Berkshire, WeDO2 project coordinator Liesbeth De Donder introduced the main outcomes from the project and especially the Quality care training package. The training package was tested and improved in each country.



Three trainers and learners shared their experience from the WeDO2 project, followed by an introduction of study visits the WeDO2 partners participated to during the project. You can find the link to all the study visits [here](#).



One of the study visits the partners saw in Köln was the initiative 'Wir tanzen wieder!' on dancing with persons with limited mobility and/or dementia. Participants were given a dance class just before the coffee break and shown what it means to laugh and dance together for our wellbeing!

The event opened to actions needed at policy level with presentations and discussion on 'which policies for 'good quality care?' with presentations from Maude Luherne, AGE Platform Europe, Lisa Schönenberg from the European Social Network and Alan Sinclair, Acting Director Slough Social Services.

The final event of WeDO2 was organised together with the fifth and the **last transnational meeting**, in the offices of Age concern Slough Berkshire East. On the 17th, the partners discussed plans for the after WeDO2 and the dissemination strategies, while on the 18th afternoon, they participated to a study visit to an independent living building. They also had the opportunity to visit a care home for persons with dementia on the 19th.



■ Study visits

The study visits are part of the learning experience. They create a space for creative and innovative ideas, and offer a wide diversity of knowledge and experience on what can be meant by 'good quality care'.

- **Sixth study visit: Initiatives in Slough, the United Kingdom**

On the first day, the partners had the opportunity to get a short visit to the **Resource center of Age Concern Slough Berkshire East**. The Centre has been located above the Village Shopping Centre in Slough High Street, and offers help and a varied programme of activities for local older people in their 50s and 60s. Activities at the Centre include cake decorating, yoga, ballroom dancing lessons, flower arranging, therapy sessions on Indian Head massage, Reiki, reflexology and darts. Age Concern Slough and Berkshire East has several services for older people which can be delivered in their own homes, most of them being free of charge for registered participants. More information:

<http://www.ageconcernsabe.org.uk/>.



On the second day, the partners went to visit the **residence The Pines**, dedicated to independent living for older adults. The building includes daily presence of an estate manager and different services such as a hair salon and a cinema. The participants were impressed by the large size of the rooms and the independent living approach that was at the basis of the services.

Finally on the third day, the partners had the opportunity to visit the **Langley Haven dementia care house**. The house benefits from skilled and dedicated staff offering quality care for persons with dementia. The management of the house is targeted at supporting residents to live and get active as much as possible with a range of interesting activities organised in a not 'childish' manner. Singing, Arts and crafts, gardening, and dancing are part of them. The WeDO2 partners benefited from the organization of an 'international day' in the home due to their visit. They had a fitness and song activity during their visit and had a lot of fun with the residents and the staff from Langley Haven.





■ National final events

Now that the quality of care training package is available in different languages, the WeDO2 partners organised or will organise in their country one or several events to spread the word.

A **webinar** was organised on the 30th June to provide a snapshot on WeDO2 and on the training. The participants were mainly former WeDO partners and members of AGE Platform Europe.

In **Poland**, the national event was organised around the transnational meeting and entitled *“Every Person has the Right to be Respected - For the Wellbeing and Dignity of Older People in need of care”*. It took place at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, on March 18th, 2015. Different stakeholders participated in the event: service providers for seniors in need of care, non-for profit organizations whose work is devote to old and dependent people, national and local policy makers, representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, of the National Health Institute, of Alzheimer Centers form Warsaw and Lublin. Halina Potocka, the Polish WeDO2 project coordinator delivered an appeal to establish a *National Coalition of Stakeholders committed to improving the quality of services for older people and to fight elder abuse*.

The **Austrian national event** took place on April 21st, 2015 at St. Virgil, Salzburg (A). It was part of a 2-days-meeting starting on April 20th. Margit Scholta gave an input “Situation of older people and Education for Older people – WeDO2 as an instrument for quality of life and for preventing abuse” followed by a Brainstorming and a presentation of the “WeDO2 – Toolkits” and how to use them. The participants were members of all important national organisations working in the field of care for older people.



The **Belgian national event** was organised on the 24th June and was bilingual in French and in Dutch. It included a presentation of the WeDO project and its experiences, with examples from the De Hogeweyk Dementia village in The Netherlands and the “Help at home” programme from Greece. It was then followed by a short WeDO2 training session to help participants get a



overview of the potential of the training. The day closed with a speech from Anne-Sophie Parent, AGE platform Europe Secretary General, on the “WeDO movement” in Europe.

In **Germany**, WeDO2 participants from Austria and the Netherlands visited the 11th Senior Citizens' Day on 2.-4. July in Frankfurt. They



participated in many sessions and workshops all around ageing and independent living. Important speeches were given by Angela Merkel and other politicians from all levels. Arts and dementia was the main topic in a study visit in the famous STAEDEL museum. More information at: <http://www.deutscher-seniorentag.de/>.

In **the Netherlands**, LOC Voice in Care will organise the final Dutch Event on Friday July 17th, 2015 in Utrecht. Invited to participation in the event are among others Dutch WeDo2-partners, members of client councils who are also LOC's volunteers and members of the LOC-committee on ethical issues. Main theme will be on how to enhance the aims of the WeDo2-project in the Dutch care-sector. The developed train-the-trainer-guide and the modules will be presented and opportunities will be discussed for the further development of the WeDo2-quality care training package in The Netherlands. Guest speaker will be Bart Brandsma, Dutch philosopher. In the care we are accustomed to system thinking (in Dutch: systeemwereld) and not to the thinking in the environment of people (in Dutch: leefwereld). Both worlds are different, but have to understand each other. Mr. Brandsma will put in his speech the emphasis on the approach of how to connect the system thinking to the environment thinking. As that is also the basis of the LOC-vision on valuable care.



National event in **Greece** will be organised a session around a congress of gerontology and geriatrics. WeDO2 will therefore gain visibility in front of a large audience.



To contact the national coordinators of WeDO, take a look at <http://www.wedo-partnership.eu/partner-list>.

■ What's next? What is the "after WeDO2"?

This section is inspired from the work done by Mara Barreto from Espace Seniors, Belgium.

The WeDO partnership will still regularly meet online to share experiences and disseminate the material. Options are now considered for a follow up project to deploy the WeDO movement to new countries. Italian and finnish partners are already considering using the training material in their own country.

- **Greece:** they will organize a workshop in their organisation and include the toolkit as part of their regular trainings.
- **Austria:** The ministry is financing the dissemination of the toolkit to different organizations in the whole country. They will also have trainers going to all federal states of Austria.



- The **UK** will build on the dynamic created with the final WeDO event
- The **Netherlands**: LOC will use the national exploitation meeting to disseminate the toolkit. This event will support future cooperation with other partners and organizations. They will also organize round table discussions with clients and professionals. They will finally try to find several ambassadors (train the trainers). From LOC, 1-2 persons will coordinate it.
- In **Belgium**: the VUB has 3 courses they are responsible of, they will include WeDO in these courses. They will also continue to disseminate WeDO in events, congresses, etc. The VUB will also organize twice a year a “train the trainer” full-day training (University College in Antwerp). They will regularly test how many people are interested and if they have 5, they then will organize a train the trainer session. In Espace Seniors, dissemination will be done and they are looking for a cascade effect after the national event.
- In **Poland**, they will set up a coalition with different state holders, starting with councils and city government who are currently setting up policies for elder care. They also have to set up a learning program for schools because they want to introduce this as a training subject.
- In **Germany**, they will get support from a group of speakers who speak in their conferences and have been involved with the WeDO Project. They promised to report on the WeDO project and also on the very nice experiences around the study visits. They will also get support from the senior councils, and presenting the materials.
- Finally, **AGE Platform Europe** will organise a training session with its members and partners and hope for the support from its members to translate on a volunteer basis the training package to additional languages, like it was done in WeDO and EUSTaCEA. AGE will also continue to update the WeDO website with news.

II. News from the wider WeDO partnership

■ 15-16th June: World awareness day against elder abuse and two-day event in Brussels

On the occasion of the 10th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15-16 June 2015 AGE co-organised a high-level two-day event with the Council of Europe, the European Commission and the European Network of Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) to take stock of European and international action and reflect together on how to better protect and promote the rights of older people to age in dignity and to be protected against all forms of elder abuse.



The debate focused on the implementation of European and international human rights standards, elder abuse and financial exploitation in consumer relations, prevention of mistreatment through training, multi-agency co-operation to tackle elder abuse and support to



older victims. WeDO2 was introduced as an example of good practice and several policy makers mentioned WeDO and the EUSTaCEA charter as key reference documents for their national programmes.

More information on [AGE Platform Europe's website here](#).

You can find more information on the WeDO website at the following link:

www.wedo-partnership.eu/wedo2