

Dementia Alliance International: *Finding our voice*

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*Many people with
dementia
had a dream...*



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Our Vision

“A world where a person with dementia continues to be fully valued.”



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Reaching the world: over 130 members in over 6 countries



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Through strong advocacy, we have collaborated with ADI, and are now the **peak body globally for people with dementia**



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We speak up for full
inclusion and a place at
every international
dementia table...

***No longer about us
without us.***



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By not including us, the stigma, discrimination, prejudice, myths of dementia and isolation are being exacerbated, by the organisations, researchers & service providers purporting to improve our lives or advocate for us.



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What we do

- Website, weekly blog, newsletters
- Weekly online support groups
- Advocacy and speaking roles
- Master Classes
- Monthly Webinars: A Meeting of the Minds



Supported by technology

- Zoom platform for online
 - Board meetings
 - Events
 - Educational webinars
 - Master Classes
 - Weekly support groups



Collaboration is the
key to our
continuing success



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A global voice

- Advocated for a person with dementia to become a member of the World Dementia Council
- A member was invited to present at the World Health Organisations first Ministerial Conference on Dementia in March



Living well with dementia...

It is possible

- The attitudes of, and support from researchers and health care professionals need to change on this
- The language of dementia needs to change; see Alzheimer's Australia updated language guidelines - <https://fightdementia.org.au/sites/default/files/language%20guidelines.pdf>



**"People will forget what you said;
people will forget what you did...
But people will never forget how
you made them feel."**



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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world – indeed it is the only thing that ever does.”

Margaret Meade



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Membership

- Membership of Dementia Alliance International is exclusive to people with dementia; click on the **GREEN** icon on our website
- Family carers, professional service providers, researchers and health care professionals are welcome to join our newsletter mailing list, and support us through donations, click on the **BLUE** or **BLACK** icons

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