

Dementia Community Voices – Guidelines for Contributors

Thank you for considering contributing to our blog, Dementia Community Voices
<https://journalofdementiacare.co.uk/category/voices>.

We want this space to be used by our whole community to share anything that any individual or organisation believes would be of interest and/or use to our community.

These guidelines are intended to help support a vibrant blogging space that is inclusive and supportive and we thank you in advance for following them.

Your audience:

People living with dementia, family and friends of people living with dementia, everyone working in dementia care and support and students and academics studying dementia. It isn't restricted to a UK audience - we have visitors to our website from across the world.

Submissions to Dementia Community Voices:

- Please write around 500 words – any longer and readers can lose interest.
- Please submit copy as a word document, no smaller than 12 point and in a clearly readable font like arial.
- Please include a short, punchy title and subheadings to break up the copy.
- Please include links but do keep these relevant to the copy.
- Please ensure all submissions adhere to Dementia Language Guidelines. You can read these here: <https://www.dementia.org.au/about-dementia/how-talk-about-dementia>
- Please respect our equality, diversity and inclusion principles – we want Dementia Community Voices to be a space where everyone feels comfortable.
- If you wish to include any copy that isn't written in English, please include the translation so that it is readable by the widest possible audience.
- We would actively encourage anyone submitting a blog to us to include the voices of people living with dementia in their copy wherever possible.
- Please avoid jargon, and if you use any abbreviations do include the full wording for your abbreviation too.
- Submissions shouldn't be overly promotional of any product or service – this isn't an advertorial space. Thank you for respecting this.
- All blogs should be attributable to a person – we would like your name on it as the author rather than it being anonymous.
- Submissions will be reviewed by someone from our Volunteer Editorial Panel. This could take up to 1 month. Given this timescale, please don't include time-critical content.
- By submitting a blog, you are giving us permission to publish it and agreeing that all of the content, including any images, are sharable without limitations.
- Submissions to us don't need to be exclusive to Dementia Community.
- All submissions are voluntary and no payment will be made.
- You'll be notified if your submission will be published, if edits are needed or if we can't accept it.

- All published submissions will be shared on our social media channels.

Not sure if you can do this alone, or what you have to share is right for our Voices space?

- We would like to ensure that writing for Dementia Community Voices is possible for everyone, including anyone who struggles with writing or for whom English isn't a first language. If you would like to contribute to Dementia Community Voices but feel you can't do this alone, please contact us: voices@dementiapublishing.community and we can link you up with someone to collaborate with you.
- If what you want to share would be better considered for the Journal of Dementia Care, written up as a News item by our News Editor or included in our Events listing, please don't blog about it but instead contact us for advice: voices@dementiapublishing.community.

What to do next:

- Please send your submissions to us at: voices@dementiapublishing.community
- If you have an image to illustrate what you've written about, please share that with us when you email us your copy.
- Please include your name, preferred pronouns, job title and organisation (if relevant), your email address and phone number. Please also include your social media handles if you have any.