

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We have so far:

- conducted a survey into staff experience and training needs in five countries
- devised a number of training courses to address these needs
- set up a web site in English and French offering resources to staff and service providers
- We are now running and evaluating these courses to ensure they are of real use in the daily support of people with a learning difficulty and mental health problems
- we continue to develop the training courses
- we frequently update our resource centre on the web.

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**Teletraining, Research
and Information
Around Dual Diagnosis**

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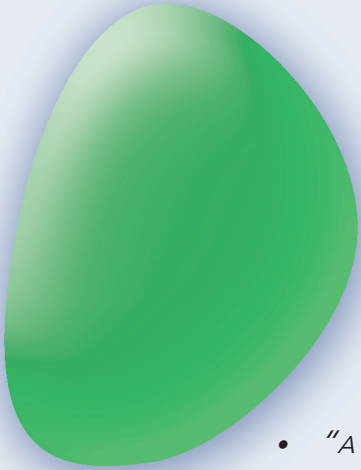
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WHAT IS THE TRIADD PROJECT ?

TRIADD is a European training project for staff who work directly with people who have Dual Diagnosis.

Dual Diagnosis is the medical term used to describe people with a learning difficulty who have mental health problems. It has been estimated that up to 40% of people with a learning difficulty also suffer mental health problems at some point in their lives.

But neither the mental disability sector nor the mental health services are geared up to serving this user group, and users are often misunderstood and have a poor quality of life. Support staff can be tested to their limits. We surveyed such staff in five different EU countries; here's what some of them said:



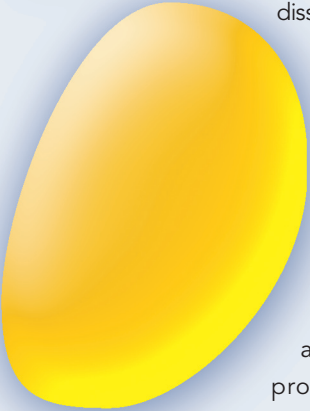
- *"Annie is exhausting to work with and she is constantly screaming. Her behaviour is intense. I would like more training to give me some sort of insight into her problems - any courses which help make the life of clients like Annie more bearable and give the support workers an insight into how to help them with their lives..."*

- *"The most serious problem is the lack of co-operation between the disabled service and the psychiatric service. We do not share the same language. If the two services worked well together it would be easier to deal with problems due to DD."*

- *"I am confronted with problems I am totally ill-equipped to cope with"*

TRIADD PARTNERS

We are a partnership from six European countries: Belgium (Tau-Groep), France (Association AFASER), Ireland (Centre for Disability Studies, University College Dublin), Italy (Istituto Minguzzi), Luxembourg (La Fondation Apemh) and the UK (BILD - British Institute of Learning Disabilities) working on this three year pilot project. Two European associations: ARFIE (Association for Research and Training on Integration in Europe) and EASPD (European Association of Service Providers for People with Disabilities) are also involved in the project as dissemination partners, so we have a balance of service providers, trainers and researchers.



The project is co-financed by the EU Leonardo da Vinci programme, which is a European Community programme in the area of vocational training. Its main objective is "to contribute to the modernisation of training provision in Europe, and supports innovative transnational initiatives for promoting the knowledge, aptitudes and skills necessary for successful integration into working life".