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The Co-production Process in Cupid

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Overall Goal of CUPID

- CUPID aims to improve cancer prevention efforts for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (PWIDD) and co-production is an important element of the CUPID project-

- *PWIDD's needs are better met when they are involved in an equal and reciprocal relationship with professionals and others, working together to improve cancer prevention across Europe*

What is co-production

Co-production is an approach where people, family members, carers, organisations, and researchers **work together in an equal way**, sharing influence, skills and experience to design, deliver and monitor services and projects.

The ladder to co-production

Co-production

Co-design

Engagement

Consultation

Informing

Educating

Coercion



Co-production in CUPID isn't easy- Possible barriers include

- Who has credibility?
- Who sets the agenda?
- Language used
- Time and payment
- Accountability and responsibility
- Venues used

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Five Principles which will help CUPID engage in co-production

1. Strengths

- Everybody has strengths and weaknesses.
- Everyone has skills, knowledge, experience and other qualities to offer.
- Everyone is needed to produce solutions that work

Principles which will help CUPID engage in co-production

2. Power

- It is difficult for PWIDD to challenge how things are done alone.
- All types of power must be shared.
- Leadership, support and resources must come from everyone involved.
- Unequal power needs to be recognised and addressed

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3.Relationships

- Good relationships are crucial for working together.
- Positive relationships require time, respect and trust.
- Everyone needs to feel safe, valued and wanted.
- The process must feel fair, open and honest to everyone

Principles which will help CUPID engage in co-production

4. Diversity

- Diversity of people is important for high quality thinking.
- The process of working together and the language must make sense to everyone involved. Inequalities must be identified and talked about. These might link to age, class, disability, education, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation

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5. Knowledge

- There are different ways of “knowing things” and all of them are valuable.
- First-hand experience is as valuable as professional or academic knowledge.
- Knowledge of what does or does not work in the real world must be recognised and valued.

So critiquing our use of these principles in CUPID?

- We have started but we can do better?
- For example - the project was not written including PWIDD- but all working groups can going forward ensure that they follow these principles.

We need to get more PWIDD and their carers/ family members involved in CUPID.--- Increase our membership

We need to support them to get involved. We are doing this with the Training School…..

The Training School and Co-production….

PWIDD and their carers are invited to attend as equal Cost Action members

All session materials will be prepared in Easy Read and supplied beforehand so everyone involve have time to consider them

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During the sessions over the three days we will learn together about cancer prevention and screening, looking at PWIDD information needs, and their views on the supports and resources available.

We will ensure the principles of co-production are adhered to.

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Thank you for listening