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# The TiKL Newsletter

## December 2009

### Transitions in Kitchen Living Project

part of the New Dynamics of  
Ageing Programme



new dynamics of ageing  
a cross-council research programme

# Seasons greetings



## **Two new members join Advisory Group**

Over the past month Mary Sinfield and Theresa LeFort who are members of the New Dynamics of Ageing Programme Older Peoples Advisory Group have contacted the research team. They have offered to join our group and will bring a critical perspective to our studies. We will be meeting up with them in the New Year and welcome them both on board.

## **ESRC Business Engagement Scheme – Best Practice Workshop, University of Essex, Dec 3rd 2009**

Sheila spoke about the potential for the TiKL project to make an impact at an ESRC sponsored event on business engagement. She was very pleased to be joined by Pat Strachan, Housing Support Officer for Care and Repair England, who is also a member of our Advisory Group. The day was spent with a range of academic and business partners looking at different ways of making connections.

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## **Getting the research proposal through ethical procedures**

You will be pleased to know that the research project has been approved by the Open University Human Participants and Materials Ethics Committee and that staff are also working under ethical protocols for Loughborough University. The Committee raised some concerns over issues such as the use of video and the length of interviews. The team are conscious of these issues and will only consider videoing a small number of people at a later date having reflected on the main interviews.

## **Project team busy undertaking pilot research**

The research team are now busy developing interview schedules and beginning to undertake pilot interviews. So far work has been undertaken in Loughborough with people living in semi-detached and detached houses from the 1950s and 70s. As each participant is taking part in two interviews and there is a need to gather a range of background information the team is spending time revising each aspect of the fieldwork. We will be doing more pilot interviews in the New Year with men and women across a range of ages.

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