In recent years, researchers have been called to adopt practices that involve individuals and communities in more meaningful ways. This current emphasis on patient engagement represents a cultural shift wherein patients participate in health research as advisors, partners, collaborators, and/or co-researchers from study design to knowledge translation. In the context of individuals living with dementia, the notion of patient engagement is especially critical, considering their historical exclusion from research.

Yet, while purposeful and meaningful engagement in research for individuals living with dementia provides many opportunities and is an important research direction, it is not without unique challenges (for example, complexities related to informed research consent).

As part of the W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics 25th Anniversary Celebration, Mr. Jim Mann, a person living with dementia, and a tireless advocate for the rights of people with dementia, will be visiting the Centre from July 8th - 12th, 2019 to meet with researchers, students and other key stakeholders to unpack issues salient to ethics & dementia research.

Two Centre events will be held in conjunction with Mr. Mann’s visit:

1) Student Brown Bag Lunch, July 10th, 2019, 12:00 - 1:30 P.M: The bright future of dementia research is located in the passion and commitment of students. An informal brown bag lunch will be held on July 10th. Students from any department interested in dementia research are invited. Bring your lunch, other refreshments will be provided. This event is co-sponsored by the Alzheimer Society of British Columbia.

2) Roundtable Stakeholders Discussion, July 11th, 2019, 12:00 - 1:30 PM: This discussion involves members of the broader research community (e.g., ethics review boards, health authorities, Alzheimer Society of British Columbia) in addition to faculty & fellows from the