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*Supporting the learning and development of the social services workforce
in South East Scotland.*

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Welcome!

Our monthly e-bulletin aims to keep you informed of Network news and the latest events and resources supporting learning and development for the social services workforce in South East Scotland.

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News

- ➔ **Integrated Children's Workforce Planning Tool** – the National CAMHS Support Service (MCSS) is working with the Child and Maternal Health Observatory (ChiMat) to develop a **web-based version** of the workforce planning tool in use since 2006. Children's Trusts/Partnerships and CAMHS Partnerships are invited to **pilot the online version in 2010**. For more information and to apply to be a pilot site visit the ChiMat website at www.chimat.org.uk/default.aspx?QN=CAMHSTOOL.
- ➔ **What is wrong with children's well-being in the UK: questions of meaning and measurement** – this article, published in the **Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law** in September 2009, addresses problems with existing attempts to measure children's well-being, taking as an example the 2007 UNICEF report *Child poverty in perspective: an overview of child well-being in rich countries*. The report is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/yae6vvr>.
- ➔ **Commissioning: A survey of the views and experiences of providers of services to children, young people and families 2009** – this research, published in Jan 2010, aimed to gather robust evidence of the views and experiences of being commissioned in England, in order to inform the development of commissioning policy by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. Download the report at <http://tinyurl.com/ygogjst> or follow links from <http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk/>.
- ➔ **End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill** – this Bill was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 20 January 2010. It seeks to allow people who meet certain eligibility criteria to receive assistance to bring about the end of their life, and would ensure that those who gave assistance would not be committing a criminal offence. The Bill and Explanatory Notes can be found on the Scottish Parliament website at www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm.
- ➔ **Download out-of-print NCB books** – the National Children's Bureau (NCB) is one of the leading publishers in the field of children's services. Many of their out-of-print titles continue to generate interest and NCB have made some of them available as e-books. For more information visit the NCB website at www.ncb.org.uk/books.
- ➔ **Workforce Unit E-briefing on Personalisation** – The Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit has produced its fifth e-briefing, *The Personalisation Agenda: Implications for Work and Employment*. It gives an overview of emergent issues focussing particularly on workforce development challenges, and can be

downloaded from the Workforce Unit website at <http://tinyurl.com/yj2mnp9> or by following links from the Workforce Unit webpage www.ccpscotland.org/workforceunit.

- ➔ **Update on new Scottish scrutiny bodies** – Healthcare Improvement Scotland and Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland will come into being in April 2011. In January 2010 the Scottish Government published its **latest update** on key developments in preparation for this change, which can be downloaded from the Government's project website www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Scrutiny.

Learning Network Events

- ➔ **CLF Information Session** - this free, informal workshop will be held jointly by **Learning Network SE and SSSC** and will take place on **Friday 26 February, 2-4pm** at the **Learning Network SE offices, Moray House, Edinburgh**.

The session is aimed at anyone who wants to find out more about the Continuous Learning Framework (CLF) and how it might help both individuals and organisations. If you feel you haven't yet managed to get to grips with the CLF and how to use it, then this is the session for you.

Sign up online at <http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk/show.php?id=429> or contact Beth Nuttall, Learning Network SE Administrator, on **0131 650 4660** or at beth.nuttall@ed.ac.uk.

Consultations

- ➔ **Service users' and carers' views of the Mental Welfare Commission** – the Mental Welfare Commission is seeking the views of people who have used services offered by them. The survey is being conducted by the Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health to ensure that the survey is independent and that individual responses are confidential.

The survey is online at <http://surveymonkey.com/s/mwcsurvey> and an easy-read version can be found at <http://surveymonkey.com/s/mwcsurvey-easyread>. The closing date for this survey is **26 February 2010**. For more information contact hannah@sdcmh.org.uk.

- ➔ **A National Approach To Anti-Bullying For Scotland's Children And Young People** – this consultation paper sets out a draft national approach to anti-bullying in Scotland. The purpose of this is to:
- propose an approach to anti-bullying in Scotland for children and young people;
 - outline broadly contributions to this approach by sectors and stakeholders nationally; and
 - highlight the role of the Scottish Anti-Bullying Steering Group (SABS).

The closing date for this consultation is **26 February 2010**. For more information visit the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current or email antibullyingconsultation@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

- ➔ **Social Care Procurement Scotland: Guidance – consultation draft** – the purpose of this consultation exercise is to seek comments on draft guidance on social care procurement which has been prepared by the Joint Improvement Team and Scottish Procurement Directorate. The draft guidance provides a framework for social care procurement in Scotland. It outlines the legislative and policy context and defines a set of ‘Guiding Principles’.

The closing date for this consultation is **5 April 2010**. For more information visit the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current or email Alex Bell at alex.bell@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Events

- ➔ **Risks and Opportunities: The Internet and Mental Health** – this event will consider the ways in which the internet can affect mental health, and how online strategies can be developed to promote and assist mental health. The event is from the **Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health** and will take place on **Thursday 25 February** in **Edinburgh**. More information and online booking can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/yjdwpx> or follow links from the SDCMH website www.sdcmh.org.uk/.
- ➔ **Sharing Knowledge, Improving Practice, Changing Lives** – the launch of the **Knowledge Management Strategy** for Scotland’s social services, developed by IRISS and NHS Education for Scotland, will take place on **Wednesday 17 March** in **Edinburgh**.

The launch will highlight new knowledge management tools and show how the social services workforce can embed the use of knowledge at the heart of their organisation. Online booking for the launch is at <http://tinyurl.com/yq87rll>, or for more information contact Susan Lindner on 0141 352 2909 or at susan.lindner@iriss.org.uk.

Reminders of previously advertised events

- ➔ **Scottish Social Services Council 2010 conference** – SSSC's 2010 event, **20:20 Vision: The social services workforce fit for the future**, will take place on **Friday 19 February** in **Glasgow**. The conference is for everyone with an interest in how the social service workforce will be able to meet the demands of the future. **Issues to be discussed include:** leadership; personalisation; sharing good practice; registration; the status and importance of the social service workforce; and new technologies. For more information and to book a place visit the SSSC website www.sssc.uk.com.
- ➔ **Delirium and Dementia in the General Hospital** – a half-day conference from the **Dementia Services Development Centre** which will take place at the **Edinburgh Royal Infirmary** on **Friday 19 February**. It will focus on providing information to staff in acute care settings. The event is **FREE** to those working in Edinburgh and the Lothians. For more information visit the Dementia Services website at www.dementiashop.co.uk/?q=events.
- ➔ **View from the Centre: How can we achieve person-centredness for people with long term conditions?** – this one-day conference and AGM of the Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland (LTCAS) will take place on **23 February 2010**. It will consider the reality of person-centredness, how policy can become practice and developing good practice. Projects funded through the Self Management Fund will also be showcased. For more information or to book a place visit the LTCAS website at www.ltcas.org.uk or contact LTCAS on **0141 404 0231**.
- ➔ **Commissioning for Personalisation** – a one-day **ADSW** seminar in partnership with **Community Care Providers Scotland (CCPS)** which will provide participants with an opportunity to hear how the challenges associated with commissioning can be overcome, from the perspective of the commissioner and the provider. The seminar will take place in **Edinburgh** on **Thursday 18 March**. For more information and a booking form go to <http://tinyurl.com/yce6max> or follow links from the CCPS website www.ccpscotland.org.

➔ **IRISS Workshop Series 2009/2010 – *What Works: Putting Research Into Practice*** is a series of practice-oriented workshops around the theme of *What Works* in delivering positive outcomes in the social services. The workshops are FREE, include lunch and will take place in **Edinburgh**.

➔ **17 Mar 2010** Mental Health and Employment

➔ **15 Apr 2010** Childhood Resilience

➔ **30 Apr 2010** Re-enablement

For further information or to book a place, contact Amy O'Neill at

amy.oneill@iriss.org.uk or go to www.iriss.org.uk/EIP/whatworks.



Get in touch with us to promote your event! Email learning.network@ed.ac.uk.

Training and workshops (short courses)

➔ **University of Stirling Social Work CPD Team** is launching new courses in **Adult Services, Support and Protection** in **Spring 2010**. For more information contact Peter Connolly at peter.connolly@stir.ac.uk. There will also be a new intake for the module **Leadership and Management for First Line Managers** in **February 2010** (contact Frances Patterson at m.f.patterson@stir.ac.uk), and the module **Supervising, Managing or Mentoring** in **April 2010** (contact Helen Whincup at helen.whincup@stir.ac.uk).

➔ **Deaf Action training courses:**

➔ **Deaf Awareness** – Monday 15 March

➔ **How to work with interpreters** – Mon 22 Feb and Mon 22 Mar

Both courses will take place in **Edinburgh**. For more information visit the Deaf Action website at www.deafaction.org/other_downloads.html.

➔ **Bringing books to life: grow your own bookworm** – a course which aims to inspire those who care for children to explore strategies which support a lifelong love of books and language. The course is run by **North Edinburgh Childcare** and will take place on **Monday 1 March** in **Edinburgh**. For more information visit www.northedinburghchildcare.co.uk or contact Alana Banks on 031 311 6931 or at alana.banks@northedinburghchildcare.co.uk.

Reminders of previously advertised training and workshops

- ➔ **Active Support presentations by ARC Scotland** – Active Support is a model that whole staff teams can deliver which promotes inclusion, independence, choice and engagement. ARC Scotland are running a presentation on the model on **Friday 19 February** in **Perth**. For more information on Active Support visit the ARC website at <http://tinyurl.com/arc-active-support>, and to book a place at one of the seminars contact Muriel McLeod on 0131 663 4444 or at muriel.mcleod@arcuk.org.uk.
- ➔ **Working with Women who Offend** – this CPD course is run by the **Criminal Justice Social Work Development Centre** and will take place at the **University of Edinburgh** on **24-25 February 2010**. It is designed both as a chance for experienced practitioners to update their knowledge and practice, and to be helpful to workers new to the field. For more information or to book a place contact Susan Wallace on 0131 650 6646 or at susan.j.wallace@ed.ac.uk.
- ➔ **AKSAA Ltd – Introduction to Islam and the Muslim Culture course**. This one-day introductory seminar is aimed at non-Muslim public sector professionals who work with and for Muslims from diverse communities. The course aims to provide a better understanding of basic beliefs and practices as well as public sector development issues for Muslim communities.

The seminar will run in various locations around Scotland in **March 2010**. For more information visit the AKSAA website www.educationislam.org.

Contribute!

- ➔ **Do you** want to raise awareness of your organisation's learning and development provision?
- ➔ **Do you** have events that would be of interest to other members?
- ➔ **Are you** running training courses that would be of interest to members?
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