



Learning Network SE bulletin August 2010

Over the next few months we will be supporting learning and development in the following areas: leadership, health and social care, the voluntary and private sectors, the Continuous Learning Framework, Long Term Conditions, Residential Childcare Workers' SSSC registration requirements, self-directed support, Early Years, Citizen Leadership and much more. To support these areas we will be holding local and regional conversations, debates, partnership meetings and events.

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PLEASE NOTE: long website addresses in this bulletin have been abbreviated with <http://tinyurl.com/>.

News and resources

Carers and Young Carers Strategy

Scotland's new strategy for carers was launched on 26 July. *Caring Together* concerns adult carers, and includes specific commitments to a Carers Rights Charter, investing in training for carers and **£5 million to enable the voluntary sector to support respite care**. *Getting it Right for Young Carers* is Scotland's first strategy for young carers, focussing on relieving young people from inappropriate caring responsibilities and allowing them to be children and young people first and foremost. For more information or to download the strategy, visit the Scottish Government website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/07/26103338>.

Report on child protection and disabled children

In February 2010 *Child protection and the needs and rights of disabled children and young people: a scoping study*, the report of a UK-wide study undertaken by the University of Strathclyde, was published. The study aimed to scope current knowledge about child protection and disabled children, review current social policy and practice, and pilot ways to seek disabled children's views about the child protection system. Download the report from the University of Strathclyde website at <http://tinyurl.com/2vulevh> or search on www.strath.ac.uk.



Working with non-social work agencies to manage risk in child protection

Community Care website and magazine looks at how GPs, the police, the courts and policymakers to carry more risk in safeguarding cases. Read the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/2ulyt7o> or search on www.communitycare.co.uk.

Guidance to help homeless children in Scotland

In June 2010 the Scottish Government published *Meeting the best interests of children facing homelessness*, a statutory guidance document required by the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987. It is aimed at ensuring all professionals, not just those dealing directly with homelessness, put children's needs first. To download the guidance visit the Scottish Government website at <http://tinyurl.com/2vdcg3t> or search on www.scotland.gov.uk. Shelter Scotland will hold a **half-day training course** on the new guidance in **October** (see Training and Workshops section below).

New Dementia Resources

Let's get personal – personalisation and dementia is a report published by **Alzheimer Scotland** aimed at demonstrating what can be achieved when people with dementia and their carers are given control over their own social care support. Download the report at <http://tinyurl.com/38m7qj5> or search on www.alzscot.org. The **Scottish Dementia Working Group** has produced a DVD enabling viewers to see life with dementia from the perspective of people with dementia. Find out more at www.sdwg.org.uk.

NHS Inform – a new health information service for Scotland

NHS Scotland launched NHS Inform at the beginning of August. It is intended to provide the public with a wide range of health information online at www.nhsinform.co.uk and by telephone on **0800 22 44 88** (lines open 8am-10pm).

Big Lottery Scotland Announces New Funding

The Big Lottery in Scotland has re-launched its **Investing in Communities** programme (30 June 2010 to 30 June 2015) and is now inviting applications under three themes: Growing Community Assets, Life Transitions and Supporting 21st Century Life. For more details visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland.



Learning with online and mobile technologies

A new publication, *Learning with online and mobile technologies: a student survival guide*, examines effective practice in learning, and shows how technology can support learning both in academic institutions and in the workplace. For more information visit the IRISS website at www.iriss.org.uk/node/1788.

Learning Network events

South East Region Long Term Conditions Partnership: Self Management Event

Wednesday 27 October

John McIntyre Conference Centre, Pollock Halls, Edinburgh

This event is for all who seek to improve outcomes for patients, service users, unpaid carers and people living with long term conditions. It will include the launch of the **South East Online Self Management in Practice Toolkit**. For more details and online booking visit our website at

<http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php>, or contact Beth Nuttall, Learning Network SE Administrator, on 0131 650 4660 or at beth.nuttall@ed.ac.uk.

Tackling Inequalities: promoting health and wellbeing for Edinburgh's children and young people

Wednesday 3 November

Tynecastle Stadium, Edinburgh

This is a joint event with **The Edinburgh Partnership** and will consider **how services for children and young people in Edinburgh can change and develop**. Participants will share practical thoughts, creative ideas and best practice, and consider shared ideas for implementation. The day will be chaired by Cathy Macnaughton, MCFB, and speakers will include Jenny Dawe and Gillian Tee of the City of Edinburgh Council.

For more details visit our website at <http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php>. To book a place contact Dianne on 0131 555 9100 or at dianne.morrison@evoc.org.uk. The event is likely to be oversubscribed and priority will be given to applicants from the Edinburgh area.



Events

National Consultation Event for Third Sector and Non Statutory Organisations: national guidance for child protection in Scotland

Friday 27 August, Edinburgh

This event, held by the **Scottish Government**, will focus on the draft national Guidance for Child Protection (see **Consultations** section below). It is aimed specifically at the voluntary sector and will include an overview of the guidance together with an exploration of its accessibility and usefulness for this sector's roles and responsibilities. For more information and details of how to book a place, contact **Sandra Manning** on **0131 244 7028** or at sandra.manning@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

The Child's Curriculum

Saturday 11 September, Edinburgh

A one-day conference to discuss the value of early childhood education and care, with a particular focus on the implications for future practice and policy in Scotland. The event is held by the **University of Edinburgh and the University of Strathclyde**, with the Institute for Music in Human and Social Development and the British Association for Early Childhood Education. For more information visit the event website www.childscurriculum.org.uk.

Too Embarrassing to Talk About? Sexuality and young people with learning disabilities

Saturday 18 September, Glasgow

This conference is hosted by **Enable Scotland** and will look at how parents, especially mothers, of young people with learning disabilities deal with their child's sexual awareness and transition to adulthood. The conference is **free to parents**. For more information visit the Enable Scotland website at www.enable.org.uk or contact Lynnette Shand on **0141 225 1605** or at lynnette.shand@enable.org.uk.

Spotlight on STRADA

Monday 20 September, Glasgow

This is a **free** evening event for addictions professionals. Participants will meet STRADA's new staff team, learn about STRADA's products and services, have an opportunity to discuss training and educational requirements, and have a say in STRADA's future delivery. To book a place at this event, contact Steven Kendrick on **0141 330 2400** or at strada@gla.ac.uk.



Older People and Substance Misuse

Wednesday 29 September, Glasgow

This conference, hosted by the **University of Glasgow**, **STRADA** and **DrugScope**, will address the growing issue of substance misuse by older people. It will provide an overview of current trends and the issues involved in working with older people, including perspectives from the health, social care and voluntary sectors. For more information or to book a place, visit the University of Glasgow website at www.gla.ac.uk/departments/developmental/cpd/newcourses/.

Care Homes: A Good Place to Live – A Good Place to Die

Thursday 30 September, Glasgow

This conference is hosted by **Scottish Care** and is an opportunity for all providers, managers and trainers in the private, voluntary and statutory social care sectors and managers and educators in the NHS to attend a focussed palliative care and end of life conference fully endorsed and partly funded by the Scottish Government with support from NHS Education for Scotland, the Care Commission and the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care. For more details or to book a place, visit the Scottish Care website at www.scottishcare.org/news.php?news=270.

Values Into Action Scotland AGM

Wednesday 6 October, Perth

Values Into Action (VIA) Scotland promote rights, choice and control for people with learning difficulties. This AGM will begin at 4.30pm and will include three presentations on the topic of transition, a lecture developed for the Festival of politics (titled Young Scotland's Got Talent) and a talk from the Edinburgh Development Group on their Big Plan project. For more information and to book a place, visit the VIA website at www.viascotland.org.uk/?q=node/180.

Coming of Age: Dementia in the 21st Century

19-21 October 2010, London

The **Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC)** 4th international dementia conference will address the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. The conference is aimed at all those **who work with and support people with dementia**. Keynote speakers include: Prof. Stephen G. Post, USA; Prof. Henry Brodaty, Australia; Prof. Sandrine Andrieu, France; and Prof. Emma Reynish, UK. For the full programme or to book a place at the conference, visit the DSDC website at <http://events.dementia.stir.ac.uk/coming-age-dementia-21st-century>. **Win a free place at the conference** by completing this sentence in 25 words or less: "I'd love to attend the DSDC Coming of Age conference because..." Email entries to jemma.galbraith@stir.ac.uk (closing date for entries 31 August).



Reminders of previously advertised events

Continuous Learning Framework: the journey so far

Thursday 2 September, Edinburgh

The **Scottish Social Services Council** will hold this conference to celebrate what has been achieved through the CLF and remind delegates why the key concepts of the CLF are **central to good practice** in social services. Key speakers include Adam Ingram, Minister for Children and Early Years; Martin Cawley, Turning Point; and Anna Fowlie, Chief Executive SSSC. For more information or to book a place, visit the CLF website at www.continuouslearningframework.com or contact Shirley Gibson at shirley.gibson@sssc.uk.com.

Building a Social Work of Resistance: Cuts, Crisis and Contradictions

Fri 4-Sat 5 September, Glasgow

This is the fifth National Conference of the Social **Work Action Network (SWAN)**. It will be an opportunity to build the networks of resistance necessary to defend social work and welfare spending in general, in the context of impending cuts in public sector spending. For more details and to book a place at the conference, visit the SWAN website at www.socialworkfuture.org/.

Places and Spaces: Creating Child Friendly Communities

Thursday 30 September, Edinburgh

This one-day event is **Play Scotland's** Annual Conference. Speakers include Matthew King, UNICEF; Dr Harry Burns, Chief Medical Officer; Professor Frank Furedi; Janette Fich Jespersen, Kompan; and Fergus Storrer, Youth Justice Tayside Police. For more information or to book a place, visit the Play Scotland website at www.playscotland.org/events-training-calendar/. An early-bird discount applies on places booked before 30 July.

Training and workshops (short courses)

Social Networking Workshops

September 2010-March 2011, locations throughout Scotland

These **free** workshops will be held by IRISS to explore **social networking tools** such as microblogs, social bookmarking and wikis. Unlike desktop computer skills, social networking is **experiential** in nature. It has to be tried in order to understand it, and the understanding required to make good use of



social networks is **cultural** rather than procedural. By the end of these workshops participants will have a better understanding of these tools and be able **to assess their potential uses**. For more information and details of dates and locations, visit the IRISS online booking system at <http://iriss.eventbrite.com/> or contact Marta Ribeiro on **0141 228 6378** or at marta.ribeiro@iriss.org.uk.

Care About Rights? Training for Trainers Human Rights courses

8-9 September 2010, Glasgow

14-15 September 2010, Inverness

Care About Rights? is a set of training materials developed by the **Scottish Human Rights Commission** relating to care and support of older people. The Commission now invites care managers or trainers to participate in a two-day 'training for trainers' programme. The course will look at the human rights framework in relation to the delivery of care and support. The project is supported by the **Care Commission, Scottish Care and the Private Care Sector Workforce Initiative**. For more information and to download a booking form, visit the Workforce Initiative website at www.workforceinitiative.co.uk.

Gifts, Community and Meaning: learning from the Big Plan in Australia and Scotland

Friday 1 October, Edinburgh

Steve Coulson (**Edinburgh Development Group**) and Heather Simmons (**Perth Homecare Services, Australia**) will draw on six years' experience of leading Big Plans to reflect on the potential for this approach to support the personalisation agenda, and how the values and ethos of the Big Plan may provide a timely challenge to existing services and systems. To book a place on this workshop, contact Steve Coulson or Linda Keys on **0131 476 0522** or at steve@edg-sco.org or linda@edg-sco.org.

Power, support and the things we don't talk about

Monday 4 October, Edinburgh

Steve Coulson (**Edinburgh Development Group**) and Heather Simmons (**Perth Homecare Services, Australia**) will lead this workshop focussing on the challenge of turning person centred policies and aspirations into support embodying these values. To book a place on this workshop, contact Steve Coulson or Linda Keys on **0131 476 0522** or at steve@edg-sco.org or linda@edg-sco.org.



Best Interests of Children Guidance

Thursday 7 October, Edinburgh

This half-day training course looks in more depth at the policy and practice implications of the recently published Scottish Government guidance *Meeting the best interests of children facing homelessness*. It will provide an overview of how the guidance relates to homelessness legislation and the *Getting It Right For Every Child* agenda. For more information or to book a place, visit the Shelter Scotland website at <http://tinyurl.com/36cetuc> or follow links from <http://scotland.shelter.org.uk/>.

Managing for Success with SVQs

Friday 8 October, Stirling

SQA, the Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit and SIRCC are working in partnership to bring this event to managers across the social services who have staff undertaking, or preparing for, an SVQ. The event aims to **offer support to managers** who might have limited knowledge of SVQs, or who simply want to gain a **better understanding of how to support and motivate their staff** through the process. For more information or to book a place, visit the Workforce Unit website at <http://tinyurl.com/3xw7d2y> or search on www.ccpscotland.org/workforceunit.

Embracing Information Literacy

Wednesday 13 October & Wednesday 24 November, Edinburgh

These **free** half-day morning workshops will be held by the **Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS)**. The workshops are aimed at anyone working in social services, and no prior knowledge of information literacy is assumed. By becoming information literate, participants will know where to look for information; and how to find what they need, judge whether it is reliable and apply it to their work. For more information visit the Learning Network SE website at <http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php>.

Ecology of Judgement in Child Welfare and Protection

Tuesday 19 October, Stirling

Held by the **Scottish Child Care and Protection Network (SCCPN)** and chaired by Beth Smith, Director of the Multi-Agency Resource Service (MARS) this seminar will bring together professionals from front-line practice, management and strategic/policy positions to explore research and literature on the nature of judgement within the particular demands of child welfare and protection practice. Attendees will have opportunities to contribute to the development of research, policy and practice responses to the challenges exposed. For more details or to download a booking form, visit the SCCPN website at www.sccpn.stir.ac.uk/view_event.php?id=609.



Reminders of previously advertised training

Collaborative Working: the Legal Considerations

Thursday 2 September (am or pm), Edinburgh

Friday 3 September (am or pm), Glasgow

In collaboration with Maclay Murray & Spens (MMS), the **Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit**, CCPS and GSCPF will hold **four half-day workshops** focussing on the legal implications of difference models of collaborative working such as mergers, partnerships and consortia. For more information or to book a place on one of the workshops, visit the Workforce Unit website at www.ccpscotland.org/workforceunit/news-and-events/events.

Consultations

Regulation of Independent Healthcare in Scotland

Deadline for response: Saturday 4 September

This paper consults on future arrangements for the regulation of independent healthcare in Scotland and seeks views on the definition and scope of independent healthcare services that should be regulated. More information about this consultation can be found on the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations. If you have any queries contact **Anne Aitken** on **0131 244 5208** or at anne.aitken@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Migrant Workers

Deadline for response (Migration Advisory Committee): Tuesday 7 September

Deadline for response (UK Border Agency): Friday 17 September

The UK Government is holding two linked consultations on migration to the UK from outside the EU. The **Migration Advisory Committee** has to establish what the limit or cap on migration should be from 2011/12 onwards. The **UK Border Agency** consultation is on how to operate this limit, once decided. For more information and to respond to the consultations, visit the relevant Home Office websites:

- ➔ Migration Advisory Committee <http://tinyurl.com/368sh5p> or search on the Home Office website www.homeoffice.gov.uk.
- ➔ UK Border Agency www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/consultations/current/



National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland

Deadline for response: Friday 17 September

The Scottish Government is consulting on revised guidance on child protection, to replace the 1998 guidance *Protecting Children – A Shared Responsibility: Guidance on Inter-Agency Co-operation*. The National Guidance on Child Protection have been revised in the light of the changed and changing landscape of Child Protection. It has been developed by practitioners, for practitioners. More information about this consultation can be found on the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations. If you have any queries contact **Laura Holton** on **0131 244 7583** or at childprotection@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

The Equality Act 2010: Consultation on Secondary Legislation that will enable the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland (ASNTS) to hear Disability Claims Cases in School Education

Deadline for response: Friday 24 September

This consultation seeks views on secondary legislation that will enable the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland (ASNTS) to hear disability claims (harassment, victimisation and discrimination) cases in school education. The ASNTS was established to hear cases involving children and young people with additional support needs who have a dispute with their Education Authority. The Equality Act 2010 will extend the Tribunal's jurisdiction to also hear disability claims cases in school education. More information about this consultation can be found on the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations. If you have any queries contact **Claire Killen** at claire.killen@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Wider Planning for an Ageing Population - Housing and Communities

Deadline for response: Wednesday 29 September

This is a consultation on the report of the Wider Planning for an Ageing Population Working Group, part of the Reshaping Care Programme. The report looks at the issues facing older people's housing and proposes a number of actions. It represents the output of a short and concentrated period of work by a small group of stakeholders, and the Scottish Government would now like to publicise the workstream and seek views more widely. More information about this consultation can be found on the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations. If you have any queries contact **the Housing Support Team** on **0131 244 5518** or at housingsupport@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.



Blue Badge Reform

Deadline for response: Friday 8 October

The Blue Badge Scheme is a critical service for enabling improved mobility for disabled people. The Scheme has been running since 1971 and this consultation looks at proposals for updating the Scheme to ensure that it stays fit for purpose in the 21st century. More information about this consultation can be found on the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations. If you have any queries contact **Sarah Guy** at bluebadge@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Extending the Coverage of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Deadline for response: Tuesday 2 November

The Scottish Government is considering extending the coverage of the above Act to include: Glasgow Housing Association; the Association of Chief Police Officers; leisure, sport and cultural trusts used by local authorities; contractors who run prisons and provide prisoner escort services; and contractors who build schools, hospitals and roads. More information about this consultation can be found on the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations. If you have any queries contact **Andrew Gunn** on 0131 244 5061 or at foi@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

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