

Local Learning Networks

What do you know about Local Learning Networks in the west of Scotland? Learning Network **West** is funded by Scottish Government to enable: partnerships, sharing of knowledge and experience, facilitation of new ways of working and sharing of resources across the whole Social Service Sector.

Learning Network **West** supports nine Local Learning Networks (LLNs) from Dumfries up to Argyll; in response to demand we have two combined LLNs and Local Practitioner Forums to become Local Practitioner Learning Networks. **You** can contribute to what happens in **your** Network, here are practical examples of what can happen if you come along: in response to an identified need, the Facilitative Trainer training was created and offered to Learning Network members; shared training and the development of informal training networks; the identification of the need for guidelines to support [Effective engagement in Social Work education](http://www.serviceusercarergoodpractice.org.uk/) <http://www.serviceusercarergoodpractice.org.uk/>; events to support information sharing and learning for people who use services, carers and social care/social work students, the conference report is available by visiting <http://data.learningnetworks.org.uk/workforce/451/Conference%20report%20March%202009.pdf>, numerous events to support learning and development <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php> and importantly the opportunity to share practice with other organisations across the Voluntary, Independent and Statutory sectors.

Future pieces of work include the development of local service directories, a learning provider directory for Learning Network **West**, service user and carer events, a Continuous Learning Framework support group and the development of Leadership in the west of Scotland.

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