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Update from Network Manager, Anne Tavendale

Over the summer Tayforth has been busy taking forward all our projects and collaborations. Here are some recent highlights to keep you up to date:

- Our Professional Development Award in Practice Learning (SCQF 9), delivered through Adam Smith College received SQA approval in August and we look forward to moving towards SSSC approval. This award will equip candidates to supervise and assess a range of learners on formal and informal learning programmes. The award is located at SCQF Level 9, which is Degree Level.
- The University of Dundee have just embarked on the first delivery of the PLQ(SS) which has been accessed by partners across the North, Southeast and Tayforth Network areas. A particular focus of this post graduate level

qualification is to enable practitioners to develop their strategic leadership skills with respect to practice learning. For more information visit:

www.dundee.ac.uk/postgraduate/aps

- Tayforth Online has undergone substantial development work over the summer and we now have a range of Tayforth organizations who are using this online resource to foster collaboration and learning within and between organizations. We will be holding a workshop in February 2011 to showcase this resource but if you are interested do visit <http://tayforth-online.learningnetworks.org.uk/>. For further information and to discuss support for your organization in using our portal to support your organizations' needs contact jon.bolton@focusedonlearning.com

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Leadership Update

Earlier this year the Scottish Social Services Learning Networks and the Scottish Social Services Council launched the [Changing Lives: Action Plan 2010-2011](#) setting out a new strategic approach to developing effective leadership for social services. A series of events are being held throughout Scotland during November, so come along and find out firsthand about how you can contribute to the Vision for the Future of Leadership in Scotland's social services.

A key part of this action plan is being taken forward by the SSSC who have commissioned the University of Stirling (working with Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability, the Service User and Carer Forum, and the Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit) to explore leadership activity across Scotland's social services and to identify gaps and development needs in this area. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to participate by completing the electronic survey. It will take about twenty minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous – no identifying information is being collected.

To participate in the survey, click on this internet link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5S38JQJ>

We are interested in hearing about the views and experiences of ALL people working in Scottish social services at ALL levels within their respective organisations, so please pass this link on to colleagues who may not have received it directly.

Thank you for your help with this project. For your views to be included in the project, you must complete the survey before 16 October 2010 to ensure your views are included in the presentation of the findings at the November events.

If you have any problems accessing the survey, please email alison.dawson@stir.ac.uk

Leadership Communities

Alongside partners across all 4 Learning Networks we have carried out a piece of work to scope what has worked well from past leadership community activities and begin to plan activities with partners. Tayforth's Leadership reference group recently met and agreed to a programme of leadership master classes and workshops between December and March which will supplement our existing action learning sets and work to support coaching and



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mentoring. As soon as we have further details on these we will send them to you.

My own role will be changing somewhat over the next 6 months, and it has been agreed with our partner Learning Networks that I will adopt a national role to coordinate and support our leadership work. This is an important step for the Networks in moving towards a more flexible and coordinated use of our resources across the 4 partnership organizations, and I am looking forward to working more closely with colleagues and partners across the Networks.



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TAYFORTH EVENTS

Tuesday 28 September

Location: Subud Centre,
Perth

[Early Years Group Meeting](#)

Thursday 30 September

Location: Glasgow -
Marriott Hotel

[Care Homes: A Good Place to Live - A Good Place to Die](#)

A national conference on palliative and end of life care

Tuesday 5 October 2010

Location: IET Teacher Building, Glasgow

[SSRG Support and Protecting Adults](#)

Social Service Research Group are to host an event - Supporting and Protecting Adults

Tuesday 26 October 2010

Location: Discovery Point, Dundee

[SSSC Registration Information Event](#)

Event for Employers and Managers of Housing Support Services and Care at Home

Wednesday 27 October

Location: Dunnikier House Hotel, Dunfermline

[Coaching and Mentoring Workshop](#)

Friday 29 October 2010, 10:00

Location: Stirling
[Strategic Management Board](#)

Monday 1 November 2010

Location: Playfield Institute, Cupar, Fife

[Introduction to Art Workshop](#)

Early Years Sector - Positive Development through art

Wednesday 3 November 2010, 10:15

Location: Denny

[Practice Assessor & Co-ordinators Meeting](#)

Friday 19 November 2010

Location: West Park Hotel, Conference Centre, Dundee

[Vision for leadership](#)

Thursday 2 December 2010, 08:30

Location: Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh

[Efficiency & Reform Scotland "Preparing for Change"](#)

Early bird registration available



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TAYFORTH NEWS

[Leadership](#)

Scottish Social Services Council has commissioned work to explore leadership activity across Scotland's social service

([read more](#))

[Award in Management Coaching and Mentoring](#)

([read more](#))

[NHS Education for Scotland - Survey Information Needs of Staff Who Care for Older People](#)

NES are currently undertaking a survey to find out more about the information needs of staff caring for older people. ([read more](#))

[Glasgow School of Social Work, University of Strathclyde](#)

MSc/Diploma/Certificate in Social Work Management ([read more](#))

[University of Stirling Social Work CPD](#)

MSc Applied Studies ([read more](#))



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VSSSWU News

[Leadership in Scotland's Social Services – help needed.](#)

[Publication of guidance on the procurement of care and support services](#)

[SWIA Guide to Leadership](#)

[How do you use Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\) in social services](#)

[And the winner is...](#)

[Care about rights?](#)

[Leadership News](#)

VSSSWU Events

[21-Oct 2010: Housing Support Provider Event](#)

[28-Oct 2010: Housing Support Provider Event](#)

[04-Nov 2010: Housing Support Provider Event](#)

[11-Nov 2010: Housing Support Provider Event](#)

[25-Nov 2010-26-Nov 2010: CCPS conference: Stick, Twist or Fold? Gambling on the future of care and support](#)

[10-Mar 2011: Workforce Development Network March](#)

[22-Mar 2011: Workforce Development Network March](#)

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IRISS News

[Jobs @ IRISS](#)

[Invitation to tender: Development of Drupal-based data visualisation modules](#)

[IRISS Forum 2010: challenging times, creative solutions](#)

[SSSC workshops on planning the care curriculum for the delivery of qualifications for SSSC registration](#)

IRISS Events

[Unfolding the Hidden Story](#)

[Traditional Healers and Mental Health Services](#)

[Learning from experience in inter-agency training: the 17th national Piat symposium](#)

[Creating safer organisations: a training course for people who have a strategic role for safeguarding children and young people across their organisation](#)

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[Can State Care Improve Children's Lives?: Lessons From the Last 30 Years & Their Implications for the Future](#)

[Project and Programme Management 2010: Managing Effective Projects](#)