



# Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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## Welcome to April Ebulletin

Welcome to our 4th e-bulletin of the year. This month's edition is packed full of up and coming events most of which are free. Learning Network West continues to promote shared training and learning opportunities across all three sectors. With a combination of our Local Learning Network meetings and our partnership working, we aim to keep you up to date with the latest events, conferences, consultations and reports. If you wish to advertise any forthcoming events, training or meetings please contact [caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk](mailto:caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk).

## Forthcoming Local Learning Network/LPFs

Area	Date	Time	Venue
Argyll & Bute	19th May	10.30	The George Hotel Inverary
Ayrshires and Dumfries & Galloway	4th June	11am	Cumnock Town Hall
East Dunbartonshire	17th May	TBC	TBC
East Renfrewshire	18th May	1.30pm	Paisley, LNW offices
Inverclyde	18th May	9.30am	TBC
Glasgow	20th May	1.30pm	Mitchell Library
Lanarkshires (Event)	4th June	(See back page for details)	
Renfrewshire	20th May	9.30am	Paisley, LNW offices
West Dunbartonshire LPLN	4th May	9.30am	Carman Centre, Renton

If you wish to attend any of these event please register online on our events page of our website <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php> or contact [caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk](mailto:caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk).

## News for Residential Child Care Managers

Learning Network West and SIRCC are organising a joint event which aims to offer you support and information in preparing your teams for qualifications essential for registration.

The event will focus on

- input from college staff about the content of the HNC and SVQ;
- information from the Core Skills Appraisal Project team about how to prepare staff for both awards; and
- how to use the Continuous Learning Framework in your leadership role in supporting your team to achieve qualifications.

We will also explore some of the obstacles to achieving a qualified team and offer support to overcome problems.

This will be a working day and you will be asked to come prepared with information about the qualifications within your team so that we can work with you.

This is a free event which will take place in Langside College on 15 June. More details to follow.

To book your place, please e-mail Pamela Nesbitt at Langside College [pnesbitt@langside.ac.uk](mailto:pnesbitt@langside.ac.uk) or telephone 0141 272 3922.

This event may count towards your own Post Registration Training and Learning (PRTL). CPD certificates will be issued for attendance.

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## News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

**Workforce Unit Spring Newsletter**—The Spring Edition of the Workforce Unit's newsletter is now available, it focuses on knowledge management and what it could mean for your organisation. [Click here](#)

**Study of the Workforce and Employment Issues Surrounding Self-Directed Support** — This study identifies and describes the issues facing Self-directed Support users as employers and the Personal Assistants they employ, it also assesses their training and support needs. Click on links to read further, [Research Findings](#), [Research Publication](#)

**Independent Living: A Shared Vision** A statement jointly signed by the Scottish Government, CoSLA and the Independent Living in Scotland Steering Group that sets out the agreed vision that disabled people across Scotland will have - equality of opportunity at home and work, in education and in the social and civic life of the community. Click on link to read further <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/308184/0097018.pdf>

**Intelligence bulletin: Key workforce data sources** -You can now download the second issue of Intelligence, this bulletin is aimed at helping employers find out more about planning for the Scottish social services workforce of the future. This edition focuses on key workforce data sources, [click here](#) to access. SSSC are welcoming feedback and comments on Intelligence or if you have any general workforce information enquiries please contact Neil Macleod, Education and Workforce Development Adviser at [neil.macleod@sssc.uk.com](mailto:neil.macleod@sssc.uk.com)

**The search is on to find the Scottish social service worker of the year.** People who use services and members of the public are now being given the chance to say thank you to the people who support and care for them or their loved ones by nominating them for the **Outstanding contribution to care award 2010**, part of Care Accolades 2010. To find out more go to [SSSC](#) website. Closing date 30th April 2010.

**DotComUnity** - Why not check out this new website, its purpose is a one-stop online resource and directory of community services, care information and social interactivity for adults and children with a learning or physical disability within local communities throughout the UK. To find out more [click here](#)

**Long Term Conditions Collaborative: Improving Care Pathways** - This resource is designed to improve care pathways for those with long term conditions. To find out more [click here](#)

**IRISS launches Evidence-informed Practice Portal and Confidence Through Evidence Toolkit** - The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) has developed the [Evidence-informed Practice Portal](#) and the [Confidence Through Evidence Toolkit](#) to support staff in finding and using evidence to inform their practice. The portal provides **access** to a range of key evidence sources, accessible evidence summaries to save you time and updates on new research, publications, news and events. The portal also includes the Confidence Through Evidence Toolkit which provides guidance on the **process** of finding evidence and how staff can assess, adapt and apply it to practice. IRISS are already planning further development of these tools and would welcome your feedback so please [get in touch](#) with any comments.

**Continuous Learning Framework Microsite** —There is now a new microsite for Continuous Learning Framework. This site shows practical examples of the CLF, tools and techniques, help and resources, case studies, evaluations and contact details for the project team to help assist you in putting the CLF into practice. Click on link [www.continuouslearningframework.com](http://www.continuouslearningframework.com) for further information.

## **Community Care Live 10 – 18/19 May, Business Design Centre, Islington, London**

Following on from the success of Community Care Live Children & Families 2009, Community Care Live 2010 will be back in May 2010.

Visit the Community Care Live website to find out more [www.communitycarelive.co.uk](http://www.communitycarelive.co.uk)

## **Children's Mental Health Conference, 6th May 2010, Hilton Glasgow**

University of Glasgow, Faculty of Medicine are pleased to invite you to attend this year's event. They have brought together a great programme, so why not go along and get your knowledge updated on key topics on children's mental health addressed by leading experts, take away practical information which can be applied in the work setting and hear about projects and work going on throughout the country.

The conference also serves as a good meeting place where you can network with colleagues and pick up educational resources. They hope to see you there! The cost of the event is £197 including lunch and refreshments. To view the booking form and further information [click here](#)

## **Enhancing Quality of Life in Dementia, 18th May, Teacher Building, Glasgow**

This event is themed specifically around enhancing the quality of life for people living with dementia. Enhancing Quality of life in Dementia is about understanding and meeting not just a person's physical needs but their psychological, emotional and social needs too. Dementia is a progressive condition, characterised by a decline in mental abilities and changes in personality and behaviour over time. By understanding more about how we can enhance their quality of life, we can positively improve the lives of those living with Dementia and their families.

This event is run by the University of Glasgow Faculty of Medicine. Click on link to access booking form [http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media\\_144274\\_en.pdf](http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_144274_en.pdf). The cost of this event is £197 including lunch and refreshments.

## **University of Glasgow – STRADA Professional Development Consultant (2 Full time Posts)**

STRADA are now recruiting for two Personal Development Consultants. Both positions are full-time, with a salary of £29,000 P/A (plus 6% pension contribution).

If you are interested in finding out more about these positions you can find a full job advertisement on the "Announcements" section of the STRADA web site ([www.projectSTRADA.org](http://www.projectSTRADA.org)). You can also telephone Tracey McFall, Deputy Head of STRADA, on 0141 330 2401 for an informal discussion about the positions.

Alternatively, for an application pack, please contact Carol Marsh, DrugScope Office Manager: [carolm@drugscope.org.uk](mailto:carolm@drugscope.org.uk); telephone: 020 7520 7550.

## Equal, Connected and Contributing: Research perspectives on the citizenship and human rights of people with learning disabilities, 10<sup>th</sup> June, Perth Concert Hall

The Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability, in collaboration with the Open University and the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS), is organising a one day research conference to reflect upon the contributions and participation of people with learning disabilities within our society.

The conference affords a unique opportunity in Scotland for academics, researchers, practitioners, and anyone else with a personal or professional interest in issues affecting people with learning disabilities to come together, share ideas and hear of the latest research in the field, they will also consider the setting up of a research network for Scotland.

The conference will be chaired by Professor Alison Petch, Director of IRISS. It will bring together keynote speakers and workshop presenters of national and international reputation.

Further information on confirmed speakers and the aims of the day can be found online at <http://www.sclid.org.uk/news-events/events/2010/equal-connected-and-contributing>

## Community Facilitators' Network, Kinharvie, Glasgow

**Kinharvie are now recruiting people, working with communities in Glasgow, to join the Community Facilitators' Network (CFN).**

The Network is for those who have some experience of facilitation but who recognise that with greater skills and awareness and a wider range of tools they could better serve the groups communities with which they work.

The Network will meet monthly from September 2010 to May 2011. During this time members will receive training from Kinharvie certified facilitators and share ideas and challenges in a supportive environment which encourages growth in self-awareness, experimentation and the direct application of learning.

For more information about the Network visit the Kinharvie website [www.kinharvie.org.uk](http://www.kinharvie.org.uk) or contact Martin, the Network Facilitator, 0141 337 1070 / [martin@kinharvie.org.uk](mailto:martin@kinharvie.org.uk).

***Places on the Network are subsidised and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis so apply early to avoid disappointment.***

## Learning Network West, Blog Facility

Did you know that Learning Network West have a daily blog facility on our website <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/blogs.php>. Are you interested in contributing information that you would like to share with our members? If so, please contact Caty McColgan by email: [caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk](mailto:caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk).

The information should only be related to the social services sector. A blog should be no longer than 200 words. We look forward to your input.

## Are you interested in Practice Teaching? 27th May 2010, Teaching Building, Glasgow

Are you interested in Practice Teaching? To find out more, Learning Network **West** is hosting an information session on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 11am to 1.30pm. The session will take place in the Adam Suite of the Teacher Building, 14 St Enoch Square, Glasgow, G1 4DB. Lunch will be provided.

To book a place please call Nicola Bain on 0141 848 1500 or email [nicola.bain@westlearn.org.uk](mailto:nicola.bain@westlearn.org.uk)

## Learning Network North— Job Vacancy, Development Officer

Learning Network **North** is currently advertising for a Development Officer. To access the job details and or to apply click [here](#)

Closing date for applications: 23rd April 2010.

## Lanarkshires' Local Learning Network Event, 4th June, Hamilton Town Hall

Lanarkshires' Local Learning Network invite you to attend an event on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Hamilton Town House, 9.30 – 12.30 and/or 1.30 – 4.30; you can attend both morning and afternoon sessions. These sessions will give you the opportunity to hear about Self-assessment, Telecare, Self-directed support and Citizen Leadership and much more.

Details are still being finalised, put the date in your diary now and more information will follow.

## Learning Network West, Training Facility, Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley

Learning Network **West's** training facility is available to hire. If you wish to run a one day event or use our premises over a longer period of time we will be happy to assist. Our premises are located at the Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley, we are conveniently situated for public transport and parking is available.

Our rates are very competitive and include:

- Audio/loop systems
- Laptop/projector facilities
- DVD/Video
- Flipcharts
- White boards
- Tea/coffee

Our main Training room can comfortably hold up to 35 delegates depending on layout.

We also have two small break out rooms which can hold a maximum of 8 to 10 people. Lunches can be arranged at an extra cost.

If you wish to enquire about prices, dates etc. please contact [denise.alexander@westlearn.org.uk](mailto:denise.alexander@westlearn.org.uk). or call 0141 848 1500.

