



Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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Welcome to August Ebulletin

Welcome to our 8th ebulletin 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.

Forthcoming Local Learning Network/LPFs

| Area | Date | Time | Venue |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Argyll & Bute | 16th Sept | 10.30 | The George Hotel Inverary |
| Ayrshires and Dumfries & Galloway | 1st October | 11am | Cumnock Town Hall |
| East Dunbartonshire | 20th Sept | TBC | |
| Glasgow | 15th Sept | 1.30pm | Mitchell Library |
| Inverclyde | 10th Sept | TBC | |
| Lanarkshires | 7th Oct | 9.30am | Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre |
| Renfrewshire | 15th Sept | 9.30am | Paisley, LNW offices |
| West Dunbartonshire LPLN | 7th Sept | 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.

Embracing Information Literacy, the art of finding and sharing information, Half-day workshops 2010/11

Have you ever thought that you are not using the Internet to its full potential? Well, now is your chance to brush up on your skills.

IRISS are hosting two sessions on Embracing Information Literacy on 9th September and 10th November from 9.30am-1pm in the Albany Learning and Conference Centre, Glasgow.

Effective use of knowledge and information is central realising the visions set out in Changing Lives of person-centred social services, delivered by a confident and competent workforce.

The *Knowledge Management Strategy* for social services recognises the importance of *Information Literacy*, the art of find and sharing information. By becoming information literate, you will know where to look for information, how to find what you need, judge whether it is reliable and useful, and then apply it to your work.

For further information please contact Michelle Drumm at michelle.drumm@iriss.org.uk or 0141 228 6366. If you want to book a place or find out more about Information Literacy please click on link <http://iriss-il-glasgow.eventbrite.com>.

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News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

Alliance of Sector Skills Council launches new website - The Alliance of Sector Skills Councils in Scotland is tasked with representing, promoting and supporting the work of the 24 licensed Sector Skills Councils (SSCs). SSCs articulate the voice of employers on sectoral skills issues and together represent employers of 90% of the UK's workforce. As such they are key partners in the delivery of a world class skills base for Scotland. Check out their new website [here](#).

Sector Skills Assessment 2010 - Skills for Care and Development is the Sector Skills Council for the 1.87 million people working in the social care, children and young people's sector in the UK. It is an alliance of six organisations, including the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). The SSSC is responsible for registration of the social work, social care and early education and child care workforce in Scotland, and for the promotion and development of education and training in the sector. [Click here](#) to access report.

A copy of SSSC News: Summer 2010 is now available to download from SSSC's website. Click on link to access— <http://www.sssc.uk.com/download-document/1514-sssc-news-summer-2010.html>

NES Tender invitation to submit a proposal for: [Roll out of Education in Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing at the Scottish Credit & Qualification Framework \(SCQF\) levels 7 & 8 and Levels 3 & 4 of the Careers Framework to staff in Scotland](#). Closing date for this proposal is 3rd September 2010.

Learning Network West recently podcast the Positive Dementia Partnerships Conference which took place in Arrochar on 8th June 2010. This conference was aimed at anyone passionate about the care of dementia in Argyll and Bute. Service Users and Carers, alongside professionals attended the days. Listen into the Podcast [click here](#).

A Right blether is a national consultation to make sure children and young people's opinions are heard and acted upon by the people who make the important decisions about the quality of their lives. The campaign is being led by Tam Baillie, Scotland's Commissioner for Children & Young People [click here](#) to find out more.

Mental Health Collative Programme—Scottish Government have published the [Mental Health Collaborative Programme newsletter](#). The overall aim of the Mental Health Collaborative is to support NHS Boards to make the improvements needed to deliver against key national targets set out by the Scottish Government. Find out more about this programme on the [Scottish Government website](#)

About Families Survey Capability Scotland are doing research into the experiences of families who have a teenager in the household. They are really keen to hear from families where the parent and/or teenager has a learning disability. [Click here](#) to take part in the survey.

Skills for Care and Development Consultations on the NMW & Right to Request to Train Skills for Care and Development are looking for feedback from employers particularly those in small and medium sized enterprises on the two consultation topics the increases to the National Minimum Wage from the 1st October 2010 and the Request for time to Train initiative. Neither of these topics is a devolved matter and so Scotland's views are important in seeing the whole UK picture. Click on links for further information:

Consultation on the National Minimum Wage [click here](#)

Consultation on the Request for time to Train initiative [click here](#)

STRADA Older People and Substance Misuse, Wednesday 29th September, Glasgow

This conference will address the growing issue of substance misuse by older people. It will provide you with an overview of the current trends of substance misuse amongst older people and the issues involved in working with them, including perspectives from the health, social care and voluntary sectors. The conference will be of interest to anyone working with older people in any capacity and will allow for discussion and information exchange on this important issue.

To book a place click on link <http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/developmental/cpd/newcourses/olderpeopleandsubstance misuse/> There will be a registration fee of £197.

Putting knowledge to work for quality and efficiency, 9th September 2010, Mitchell Library, Glasgow

NHS Education for Scotland and the Scottish Social Services Council are jointly holding a **Social Innovation Camp** to "co-create" **Knowledge Management Action Plans for Health and Social Services Organisations** - on **9TH September 10.30 am - 3.30 pm** at the Mitchell Library in Glasgow.

For further information and to book a place click on link http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/media/715935/social_innovation_camp_flyer.pdf

Scotland's Third Sector; Funding Opportunities in Challenging Times, 7th September 2010, Scottish Youth Theatre, Glasgow

As the economic crisis takes its toll on the private and public sector, the third sector is experiencing growing demand and fewer resources. As public sector contracts become increasingly focused on the bottom line, the third sector is under increasing pressure to produce under limited means. How will the sector cope with these latest challenges? How can the third sector capitalise on the opportunity to do much more in all areas of society by up-scaling and replicating alternative models of delivery?

To find out more and to book a place click on link. <http://thirdsector.holyrood.com/>

Learning Network West— Blog

If you have not already done so, please check out our blog by visiting <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/blogs.php>.

We are always looking for people to contribute and share useful information with colleagues. If you wish to submit a blog please contact either caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk or julie.thomson@westlearn.org.uk

9th International Practice Teaching Conference, 11th–13th April 2011, Bournemouth University Proposal being sought!

Next year the conference will take place from 11-13th April 2011 on the theme of 'learning for practice, learning in practice: Exploring the ways practitioners develop knowledge, competence and wisdom in the human services'. They are seeking proposals for workshops and papers on the following themes:

- How do human service professionals develop practice wisdom in a complex global environment?
- What happens to creative interprofessional cooperation in the face of competing demands?
- How do we ensure congruence between that field education and classroom teaching and enable students to become practitioners?
- Learning practice, to practice, about practice? What does it all mean?
- How do we help professionals acquire the practice knowledge, skills and values to continue to work and perform well in late modern societies?
- Theorising and researching teaching and learning in practice settings.

The call for papers is available for download at <http://www.whitingbirch.net/cgi-bin/subscribe?showinfo=ip005>. Questions about the programme should be addressed to Professor Jonathan Parker parkerj@bournemouth.ac.uk, and about booking a place to the Organiser, jm4whitingbirch@aol.net. Proposal should be with us by 30th November 2010.

Too embarrassing to talk about? 18th September 2010, University of Glasgow

ENABLE Scotland, in partnership with the Universities of Glasgow and Bangor, Wales, is holding a one-day event on Saturday 18 September 2010 looking at the Sexual Awareness and Development of Young People with Learning Disabilities. It will present the latest research in this area and explore how young people and their parents - especially mothers - deal with this aspect of growing up.

The event is aimed at parents but anyone working with young people with learning disabilities and their families is also welcome.

This event will be free to parents, it will carry a £15 cost to professionals.

For further information on how to book and for conference programme click on links:

[Too embarrassing to talk about? Conference Programme.](#)

[Booking Form.](#)

What Happening Across the Regional Networks?

Learning Network **West** thought it may be of interest to our members to hear what's happening across our Regional Offices throughout Scotland.

News from Learning Network **South East**:

A CLF Gathering Group will take place on 24 August click on link to read further. <http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk/show.php?id=745>

PDA PL Level 10 programme will start in September 2010, further information will be published on their PLQ pages shortly: <http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk/show.php?id=306>

Long Term conditions event will launch an online Self Management Toolkit on 27 October 2010, in partnership with NES, Scottish Government and the Long Term Conditions Collaborative <http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk/show.php?id=743>

News from Learning Network **North**:

Continuous Learning Framework the Journey so—to find about this event another events that are happening in the **North** [click here](#).

News from Learning Network **Tayforth**

Tayforth Online is an online portal that can be used by anyone working in the Social Services sector in the Angus, Clackmannanshire, Dundee, Falkirk, Fife, Perth & Kinross and Stirling areas. You can use [Tayforth Online](#) to set up sites to support learning, communication and collaboration. <http://tayforth-online.learningnetworks.org.uk>

Learning Network **West**—Dates for you Diary

19th August

Facilitative Trainer follow-up, SSSLN **West** @ 9.45 – 12.30

20th August

CLF meeting, Touchbase, Glasgow

26th August

LEARN, platForum, Burleigh Street, Glasgow @ 1.45 – 3.15

2nd September

CLF conference, Holyrood Hotel, Edinburgh

7th September

West Dunbartonshire LPLN, Carman Centre @ 9.30 – 10.45

8th September

LPF National Conference

28th September

Kinship care follow up, SSSLN **West** @ 10.00 – 12.15

6th October

Local Learning Network Partnership Event in Kilmarnock venue to be confirmed.

2nd November

In Partnership with Kinharvie Institute of Facilitation, a one day event for people who have already attended the two day Facilitative Trainer Course

18 November

East Renfrew LPLN Personalisation, Self directed Support and Telecare—What does it all mean?

If you need any further information about these events please contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk.

GAMH, Lived Experience Project Launch Event Wednesday October 6th 2010 3pm – 5pm. St Francis Centre, 405 Cumberland St. Glasgow G5 0SE

Lived Experience Training is a unique new service providing training that engages your people in thinking, learning and change.

To launch this new services GAMH are hosting and event on Wednesday, 6th October 2010 in Glasgow.

To find out who will be speaking at the launch and for programme of the day [click here](#). For further information on GAMH services [click here](#).

To book a place contact Pauline McCabe 0141 552—5592 or email ltraining@gamh.org.uk.

Scottish Government Secondment Opportunity—National Chair: Local Practitioner Forums Post

ADSW has been working closely with the Scottish Government to support the work of the Local Practitioner Forums.

Scottish Government has announced that they will fund a part-time (three days per week) post for the National Chair of Local Practitioner Forums for an initial twelve month period. This will enable a frontline practitioner to drive forward the work of the Local Practitioner Forums – supporting the development of policy and practice and increasing public understanding of the work of the professions involved in social care.

[Click here for Chair Advert](#)

[Click here for personal specification](#)

Third AGM of Values into Action Scotland, 6th October, Perth

The third AGM of Values Into Action Scotland who promote rights, choice and control for people with learning difficulties will be held on WEDNESDAY 6th October 2010 from 4.30pm (coffee available from 4pm) till 6.30pm. A light finger buffet will be served after the formal meeting at Perth Subud Centre, Highland House, 7 St Leonards Bank, Perth, PH2 8EB (Within 200 yards of the main Railway and Bus Stations)

As well as the general business of the AGM, there will be 3 presentations on the important topic of transition. Lindsay Kinloch and Umair Akhtar will repeat their fantastic Young Scotland's Got Talent presentations developed for the Festival of Politics and Steve Coulson will talk about the amazing work that they do on The Big Plan at Edinburgh Development Group.

They are anticipating a great turn out so please book early to avoid disappointment. To see more information, to download a booking form, or to get directions, please visit <http://www.viascotland.org.uk/?q=node/180>.

Renfrewshire CVS—Protecting Vulnerable Groups Training, The Wind Centre, Paisley, 3rd September 2010

On 30 November 2010, the Scottish Government will introduce a new membership scheme to replace and improve upon the current disclosure arrangements for people who work with vulnerable groups.

Over the coming weeks and months, additional training materials will be made available to help individuals and organisations plan for the introduction of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme. These will include a modular training package and an assessment tool to help employers to determine whether a post is within the scope of the PVG Scheme.

This training is aimed at organisations enrolled with The Central Registered Body in Scotland (CRBS) to ensure that they are prepared and understand their requirements and obligations under the new PGV scheme.

For further information and to book a place [click here](#). Completed booking forms should be sent to info@rcvsweb.co.uk.

Care Homes: A Good Place to Live - A Good Place to Die, 30th September, Glasgow Marriott Hotel

A Scottish Care hosted national conference on palliative and end of life care on 30 September at the Glasgow Marriott Hotel.

This 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 focused 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. It is hosted by Scottish Care, the voice of the independent care sector in Scotland.

For programme details and information on how to reserve a place please [click here](#) or visit www.workforceinitiative.co.uk or www.scottishcare.org

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. or call 0141 848 1500.

