



Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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Welcome to May Ebulletin

Welcome to our 5th 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.

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 (see below)	4th June	9.30am	Hamilton Town Hall
Renfrewshire	20th May	9.30am	Paisley, LNW offices
West Dunbartonshire LPLN	7th July	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.

Lanarkshires' Local Learning Network Event 'All For One, One For All' Friday 4th June, Hamilton Town House

This FREE event will give you an opportunity to hear about and discuss partnership working for Social Services organisations, improving standards for people who use/receive services and sharing information about effective practice. There will be a number of themed conversations covering:

- Care Commission Self Assessment
- Telecare/Assistive Technology
- Personalisation/Self –directed support
- Citizen Leadership

It will take place across morning and afternoon sessions, please note that morning conversations will be repeated in the afternoon. In addition there will be information stands, Employment Champions' drama and the opportunity to meeting with other Lanarkshire based organisations. The event is on Friday 4th June at Hamilton Town House, 102 Cadzow Street, Hamilton. ML3 6HH.

Registration Times: from 9.30am for the morning session and from 1.15pm from afternoon session.

The short drama production will run from 12.45pm—don't miss it! To find out more or to reserve your place, please visit <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php> or email julie.thomson@westlearn.org.uk or phone Julie Thomson on 0141 848 1500. **Please note this event will be certificated.**

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News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

SCIE Report 20: Personalisation: a rough guide—This publication aims to tell the story so far about the personalisation of adult social care services. It is intended to set out current understanding of personalisation and its implementation, exploring what personalisation is, where the idea came from and placing the transformation of adult social care in the wider public service reform agenda. [Click here](#) to read further.

SCIE Elearning Tool— Exploring personalisation through audiovisual and interactive technology. [Click here](#) to view to this tool.

Voluntary Sector Development Fund application 2010 – The Scottish Government has now published the application form, equality monitoring form and guidance notes for the 2010 Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF). [Click here](#) further information.

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is currently consulting its stakeholders on the content of its draft Equality Scheme action plan for 2010/2011. The action plan covers gender, race and ethnicity, disability and age. If you are interested in contributing to this consultation exercise please visit the [SSSC website](#) and go to the [Equality and Diversity](#) page where you can access the Action Plan and a link to the Action Plan Survey to allow you to provide your views and comments. You can also view their previous action plans to see what the SSSC has been doing and what they have achieved so far. This consultation exercise will be open until **Friday 30 July 2010**.

Spring issue of NHS FOCUS now available— FOCUS is a quarterly stakeholder magazine. Each issue covers a wide range of activities, [click here](#) to download a copy.

SIRCC Library's Press Update can now be viewed online with links to relevant news stories from the national press. This new resource can be found at www.sircc.org.uk/library/pressupdate

Study of Community Health Partnerships - This study examines the early progress CHPs have made and identifies the factors which have facilitated or possible hindered progress. Ways to improve CHPs' capacity and capability to maximise potential are also identified. [Research publication](#), [research findings](#).

Care News Issue 25/Summer 2010 - This issue looks at how the new scrutiny bodies (Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) and Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS), are shaping up and also shows the results from the Care Commissions first year of grading. To download a copy [click here](#).

'see me' Local Grants Scheme - This new scheme will grant awards of up to £5,000 to local groups across Scotland who can come up with fresh, innovative and exciting ideas to tackle stigma and discrimination associated with mental health in their area. Projects should be led by people with lived experience of mental ill-health or those who provide care and support. For further information tel: 0131 554 0218.

Carers Scotland Training Programme—to download a copy the most up to date training programme [click here](#).

Professional Development Award in Practice Learning (SS) Assessors Training

Learning Network **West** has developed a 2 day Assessors training course. The course will run on the 9th & 10th September 2010. Click on [programme](#) for details of course content. The course will be held at Learning Network **West** offices in Sir James Clark Building, Abbey Mill Business Centre, Seedhill, Paisley.

Please note assessors who will be assessing candidates on the Professional Development Award in Practice Learning must have completed this 2 day training course, **prior** to assessing candidates. It will therefore be necessary for training sections to anticipate who they may be using as future assessors and ensure that they have completed this assessor training course.

Please can you forward your nominations to Nicola Bain nicola.bain@westlearn.org.uk by no later than 26th August 2010.

Positive Dementia Partnerships Friday 4th June Oban, Tuesday 8th June 2010 Arrochar

Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland and Alzheimer Scotland have come together to mark Dementia Awareness Week with a conference examining ways in which they can develop Positive Dementia Partnerships in Argyll and Bute.

The Scottish Government's National Dementia Strategy was released at the end of April 2010. Come along to this event to hear what this will mean for everyone in Argyll and Bute.

For further information and booking form [click here](#). Completed booking forms should be returned to Sarah Tranter, Training Section, Argyll and Bute Council, Whitegates Offices, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8SY.

Scottish Dementia Strategy - making it work for people 7 June 2010, Dementia Awareness Week

In May 2010 the Scottish Government will be launching its National Dementia Strategy - it will represent a major milestone in the history of dementia care in Scotland.

The Strategy was announced just a year ago, at the same time that the Care Commission and Mental Welfare Commission released their joint report "Remember, I'm Still Me", which provided irrefutable evidence of need for urgent action to improve the quality of life, care and treatment of older people with dementia.

This conference will celebrate the Strategy which aims to transform the lives of people with dementia and their families. To find out more click on link <http://www.alzscot.org/pages/info/dementia-awareness-week-conference.htm>.

Building Up Boards, The Albany Learning and Conference Centre, 19th May 2010, 10am till 4pm

SCVO in partnership with EVOC, Volunteer Centre Edinburgh and the Big Lottery fund are holding the above event. Aims of the day:

- To explore effective board meeting and management conflict within and out with meeting.
- To gain an awareness of charity finance as appropriate for charity trustee induction to the board.
- To look at possibilities of getting diverse group on board

If you wish to attend or need further information contact Nina Martyka at nina.martyka@evoc.org.uk or telephone her on 0131 555 9121/9100.

New Training Course, Certificate in Governance

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) in conjunction with Cumbernauld College has developed a certificated course for the voluntary sector aimed at addressing issues on governance.

The course is aimed at all existing committee or board members, or anyone considering joining the committee/board of a voluntary organisation. The course will equip participants with the required knowledge and skills to become an effective contributor to governance and is delivered over 25 to 30 hours on an evening or daytime basis.

Course content to include: Governance; Recruitment and Selection of committee members; Funding; Financial Planning Charity; Charity/Company law and Leadership.

If you would like to find out more information, contact Sharon Connachan by email Sharon.connachan@vanl.co.uk . Preference will be given to North Lanarkshire organisations.

Sharing Solutions in Professional Practice Learning: Teaching, Social Work and Nursing, Invitation to National Workshop, Monday 14th June Glasgow Caledonian University

QAA Scotland, together with the General Teaching Council Scotland, NHS Education for Scotland and the Scottish Social Services Council, is hosting a national workshop to explore key features of professional practice based learning. The workshop will address:

- Learning support (including practice based teaching qualifications and mentorship);
- Supporting newly qualified practitioners;
- Practice placement coordination; and
- Harmonising documentation.

It will share profession specific models and resources and consider the potential and priorities for joint/shared working in professional practice learning.

Click on links for [programme](#) and [booking form](#). Booking forms should be completed and return to Liz Piper at e.piper@qaa.ac.uk by Friday 4 June.

A Scottish Employment Conference for Young People with Learning Difficulties & Individuals on the Autistic Spectrum, 9th June 2010, Hampden Park.

Three leading Scottish charities have joined forces to organise Young Scotland's Got Talent, an employment conference for people with learning difficulties and individuals on the autistic spectrum. This will take place at Hampden Park, Glasgow on 9 June 2010 and attending it won't cost you a penny!

Organised by Values Into Action Scotland; Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability; and ENABLE Scotland, the conference aims to challenge the high unemployment rates of this group, currently at 82% compared with 7.8% for the rest of Scottish society. To find out more and to book a place [click here](#).

The Morag Faulds memorial Lecture, Tuesday 22nd June 2010, Paisley Campus, UWS

The establishment of an annual memorial lecture represents part of the ongoing commitment to excellence in practice, which characterises the approach to social work education at University of West of Scotland.

Speaker: Professor Mark Doel

Theme: Professional boundaries in social care and social work: crossing a line or entering the shadows.

Venue: P Block, Paisley Campus

Date: Tuesday 22nd June 2010 at 5.30pm

To book a place contact Alison.Fitzpatrick@uws.ac.uk or alternatively telephone 0141 848 3788. Refreshments will be provided. [Click here](#) for further information.

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.

