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Welcome to our April e-bulletin

Learning Network **West** continues to promote shared training and learning opportunities across all three sectors. With a combination of 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.

What's happening in Learning Network West?

Postponed Multi Agency SWAP Shop, St Augustine's Church, Dumbarton

Due to two other large scale event happening on the 10th May we have decided to postpone the Multi Agency **SWAP** Shop. This event was due to take place in West Dunbartonshire. A new date will be issued shortly.

For further information contact julie.thomson@westlearn.org.uk.

Coaching & Mentoring Training, 13th June, Learning Network, Paisley

We are now in a position to offer one more Coaching & Mentoring Course. In partnership with Turning Point Scotland, Enable Scotland and Quarriers, we have been developing a one day programme for people to become workplace coaches. This will be the last opportunity to attend this course.

This programme will equip participants with the necessary skills to support and coach others in their organisation.

We originally targeted the training at First Line Managers, feedback from many different organisations means this training is now open to anyone with an interest in workplace coaching.

It is anticipated delegates will go back to their workplace with extensive materials and support them to develop coaching in their own organisation. Once participants have completed the programme, a half day follow up will support coaches through additional train the trainer materials. This training is free however there are limited places available.

This is a really exciting piece of partnership working, as a preliminary stage we invited organisations to evaluate the recently developed materials; comments were overwhelmingly positive. **Don't miss this opportunity!**

To reserve a place please email caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk.

Learning Network West, Annual General Meeting, 24th June 2011

Our AGM will take on 24th June at 11am. For those organisations who are members and wish to attend, please contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk

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Providers, Personalisation & Self Directed Support, 24th May, Edinburgh

[Providers, Personalisation & Self Directed Support](#) is a seminar being hosted by CCPS with support from the Scottish Government. The event will bring providers, local authorities and policy makers together to discuss and debate issues relating to personalisation. The event will take place on Tuesday 24th May in Edinburgh.

[Click here](#) for Flier and further information.

Building and Safer Workplaces in the Voluntary Sector, 29th June 2011, Glasgow

This joint STUC, SCHWL and Third Sector event in the STUC offices in Glasgow is aimed at increasing awareness of the benefits of good workplace Health and Safety in Voluntary Sector workplaces.

The event is free to attend and registration is on a first come first served basis. For programme of the day [click here](#).

Please contact the STUC on 0141 337 8100 to register for this event.

Children's Mental Health Conference, 12th May 2011, Glasgow

University of Glasgow College of Medical Veterinary & Life Sciences welcomes you to the 7th annual conference on Children's Mental Health. This year's programme will bring a selection of key knowledge updates, practical information, and an opportunity to hear key experts in the field. To book a place and to download flier [click here](#).

Training Facility—Learning Network West, Paisley

Learning Network West's training facility offers extremely competitive rates for anyone who wishes to run a course or event.

When you book our training room you also have access to two break out rooms completely free of charge.

What makes us different from most organisations is that we include the use of a laptop, projector, sound system and flipcharts free of charge. We can offer free parking and are only a 10 minute walk away from the local train station.

If you are thinking of having a training event why not come along a view our premises. We will try to negotiate the best rate possible given the current financial restrictions across all organisations. For further information contact Denise.Alexander@westlearn.org.uk or call 0141 848 1500.

News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

Towards an Autism Strategy for Scotland — Analysis of consultation responses. [Click here](#) to read report.

The Annual Report 2011 of the Gender Equality Scheme. [Click here](#) to read report.

Keeping Children Safe—To find out more about information disclosure regarding child sexual offenders download this paper [here](#).

SCSWIS— (Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland) Public Information Bulletin April Edition. To download bulletin [click here](#). To check out SCSWIS new website click on link: www.scswis.com

Tayforth Early Years Newsletter—The Spring edition is now available to download. [Click here](#) to access.

IRISS—Social Media for researchers and academics, Friday 20th May, Edinburgh

This workshop is designed specifically for academics and researchers; it will demonstrate current uses of social media in higher education and will include practical exercise to help you familiarise yourself with tools such as Delicious, Twitter, Wikipedia, RSS feeds and blogs.

The aim is to improve your social media skills and awareness and to encourage you to think creatively about how these resources can be of use to you.

The fee for this event is £75 this includes lunch and refreshments. If you wish to register and find out more [click here](#)

Scottish Conference on Inclusive Learning Disability Research, 7th June, Perth Town Hall

The Scottish Learning Disability Research Network, in conjunction with The Open University, IRISS and The Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability, will hold its first conference, which will focus on past, present and new inclusive research in Scotland and beyond, reflecting upon the contributions and participation of people with learning disabilities as researchers and in setting research agendas.

The event will be useful to: researchers, practitioners, students, people with learning disabilities, families, and anyone with an interest in learning disability research.

Places for the event will cost £85.00; Students £40.00. There is also a limited number of free places for people with learning disability.

For further information, please contact Fiona Horton on 0141 418 5420, or email: conference@sclld.co.uk

University of the West of Scotland, Social Work Research & Practitioners Series, 31st May, Paisley Campus

Elizabeth Weaver, Lecturer, Glasgow School of Social Work, will present: “Users Views of Punishment—Why Listen?” If you wish to attend the next in the series of lectures contact Michele McCutcheon on 0141 848 3951 or email: Michele.mccutcheon@uws.ac.uk [Click here](#) for further information.

Review of the National Occupational Standards (NOS) - your chance to take part

The SSSC would like to invite you to take part in a consultation event to review National Occupational Standards (NOS) in Health and Social Care and Children's Care Learning and Development. NOS are nationally agreed statements of competence that individuals are expected to demonstrate in a given occupation. NOS set out the skills, knowledge and understanding required to perform competently in the workplace. NOS may be used in a variety of ways:

- describe good practice in particular areas of work
- set out a statement of competence which brings together the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to do the work
- offer a framework for training and development
- form the basis of national qualifications such as SVQs.

The plan is to have initial events with the sector in May/June 2011:

- Glasgow - 16 May
- Edinburgh - 17 May
- Aberdeen - 7 June.

These events will consider changes required within the NOS. Further events will then take place in late 2011 to consider the incorporation of the changes proposed by the sector in May and June. An online consultation will also take place.

If you would like to attend one of these events contact Vikki McLeish to obtain a booking form at: vikki.mcleish@sssc.uk.com or

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Improving Services for 0-3s Children in Europe Conference, 6th June, New Lanark Wold Heritage Site

This conference, part of an international programme of events, will look at how to extend early years services to meet the needs of 0-3 year olds and their families.

Why attend?

Learn about the EC commitment to prioritise funding and transfer of good practice within Europe

- Hear from leading experts and practitioners about best practice from across Europe in providing services for 0-3s
- Find out different approaches to designing and delivering integrated services that improve children's social and intellectual development even with today's challenging budgets
- Participate in practical break out sessions as well as plenary debate

To find out more and to book a place [click here](#).