



Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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Welcome to February Ebulletin

Welcome to our 2nd 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/LPF and other Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue
Argyll & Bute	18th March	TBC	Inverary
Argyll & Bute LP Forum	25th March	11am	Whitegates, Lochgilphead
Ayrshires and Dumfries & Galloway	9th April	11am	Cumnock Town Hall
East Dunbartonshire	17 March	TBC	TBC
East Renfrewshire, Kinship Care	22 February	10am	Learning Network, Paisley
Inverclyde	19 March	9.30am	TBC
Glasgow	16 March	9am	Mitchell Library
Lanarkshires	1 April	9.30am	St Andrew Hospice
West Dunbartonshire LPLN	2 March	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.

What Do you know about Local Learning Networks?

What do you know about Local Learning Networks in the west of Scotland? Learning Network **West** is funded by Scottish Government to enable: partnerships, sharing of knowledge and experience, facilitation of new ways of working and sharing of resources across the whole Social Service Sector.

Learning Network **West** supports nine Local Learning Networks (LLNs) from Dumfries up to Argyll. In response to demand we have combined two LLNs and Local Practitioner Forums; they are now Local Practitioner Learning Networks. **You** can contribute to what happens in **your** Network, here are practical examples of what can happen if you come along: in response to an identified need, the Facilitative Trainer training was created and offered to Learning Network members; shared training and the development of informal training networks have developed and the identification of the need for guidelines to support effective engagement in social work education led to a good practice guide <http://www.serviceusercarergoodpractice.org.uk/>. Events to support information sharing and learning between people who use services, carers and social care/social work students have been run the conference report is available by visiting <http://data.learningnetworks.org.uk/workforce/451/Conference%20report%20March%202009.pdf>, numerous events to support learning and development <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php> happen across the networks and importantly the opportunity to share practice with other organisations across the Voluntary, Independent and Statutory sectors.

Future pieces of work include the development of local service directories, a learning provider directory for Learning Network **West**, service user and carer events, a Continuous Learning Framework support group and the development of Leadership in the west of Scotland.

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News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

SSSCTV Introducing the Continuous Learning Framework (CLF) - The CLF aims to improve the quality of outcomes for people using social services by supporting the workforce who are delivering them to be the best they can be. SSSC have uploaded a voice over presentation on to SSSCTV [click here](#)

Review of the Framework in Social Education—SSSC appointed Respect Training and Consultancy to impact assess the Framework for Social Work Education in Scotland 2003, (the Framework) in respect of disability equality, to establish genuine competence standards and to provide proposals for the revision of the document. They commissioned this project on behalf of the Scottish Government. It includes an impact assessment of both elements of the Framework the Scottish Requirements for Social Work Training and the Standards in Social Work Education (SiSWE). To read more about the project and find out how you can get involved through a series of events and be part of the consultation, please download: <http://www.sssc.uk.com/sssc/news/review-of-the-framework-in-social-work-education.html>

NHS/NES—Invitation to submit a competitive written quotation for **SVQ Qualification Evaluation**. Closing date 26 February 2010 [click here](#) for further information.

STRADA Focus Issue 9 is now available to download [click here](#).

To find out about courses that GCVS are running click on link http://www.gcv.org.uk/how_guides/learning_opportunities/courses

What does gender have to do with violence against women? The aim of this document is to assist practitioners, particularly those working to the training consortia and multi agency partnership guidance, in making the argument for gendered analysis. Click on link to read <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/02/05102715/3>

Social Care Procurement Scotland: Guidance - Consultation draft This guidance provides a framework for social care procurement in Scotland. It defines a set of key principles which must be applied to procurement activity in social care, encompassing care and support for children and families, for adults and older people, and criminal justice services. [Click here](#)

University of the West of Scotland Social Work Research and Practitioners Serices, Paisley Campus 4pm - 5.30pm, 2nd March 2010

Neil Quinn, Glasgow School of Social Work, Nuzhat Mirza, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS, Lee Knifton, Mental Health Foundation and Glasgow School of Social Work **Mosaics of Meaning and Sanctuary**, will explore and address mental health inequalities with Black and Minority Ethnic communities.

This seminar describes a five year research and development programme designed to reduce mental health inequalities, undertaken with the 3 largest settled BME communities and also with asylum seeker and refugee communities in Glasgow. This initiative, which has brought together national, regional and community partners, has involved action research and developing a community development model linking practitioners, policy makers and communities. The programmes include community workshops with peer educators, practitioner awareness, faith leader engagement and storytelling work. The seminar will present key findings from the research and explore the implications of the programme for social work practitioners and academics. If you would like to attend please contact Michele McCutcheon: email: Michele.McCutcheon@uws.ac.uk tel: 0141 848 3951.

Putting Learning into Practice, 30th March, Scottish Youth Theatre, Brunswick Street, Glasgow

In partnership with Private Sector Workforce Initiative, Loretto Care and the Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit, the Learning Network West is pleased to provide you with unique access to many different types of learning and information under one roof. Our event, 'Putting Learning into Practice', will provide you with the opportunity to engage in hour long themed conversations with the experts. These conversations will focus on registration, inspection, procurement, new qualifications, employability, leadership, human rights, continuous learning, and much more.

The following organisations are confirmed to facilitate conversations with you:

- **Scottish Social Services Council**
- **Care Commission**
- **Scottish Human Rights Commission**
- **Social Services Knowledge Scotland**
- **Scottish Qualifications Authority**
- **Joint Improvement Team**
- **Employability Network**
- **Enable**

The day will be split into two with the morning session from 10am- 12.30pm and afternoon session from 1.30pm-3.45pm. When signing up for this event please specify if you will be attending the morning or afternoon sessions.

There will also be an additional workshop providing a practical approach to **information literacy**, a set of skills to help you find and share information relevant to your work. Developing these skills can be a useful tool for lifelong learning, and can contribute to your Post Registration Training and Learning requirements (PRTL). You can book for this separately.

We anticipate demand for this event will be high and places will be offered free of charge on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please contact any of the following:

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To request a place please visit <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php>. Joining instructions will be issued **no later than 23 March**.

The Facilitative Trainer's Network, Friday 5th March, Paisley

Learning Network **West** would like to invite delegates who have recently attended the Facilitative Trainer Course to a follow up day. The purpose of the day is to allow you time to review your recent training and also the opportunity to meet with other Facilitative Trainers in the west of Scotland.

The main focus will be a reflection on the Facilitative Trainer experience, how it affected your practice (good, bad or otherwise), the possible creation of a virtual toolbox based on your experiences and the opportunity to form your own network supported by Learning Network **West**. Feedback has suggested you would welcome the chance to link up with trainers and practice what you learned during the training; we can support you to do this.

The meeting will take place in our offices in Paisley on Friday 5th March at 10 am and will finish with lunch at 12.15pm; lunch will also serve as a networking opportunity.

To reserve a place please [register online](#) in our events page of the our website <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/show.php?id=449>.

Professional Development Award in Practice Learning (SS)

Learning Network West are running 3 courses for the above qualification in 2010/11.

The Aim of the Practice Learning Programme is to equip candidates with the skills and knowledge to support the learning and professional development of others, and to contribute to the development of learning cultures, within social services and related settings. This qualification is set at SCQF Level 10 (equivalent to honours degree level).

Places are still available on all cohorts. However in particular we are looking to fill our 22 April Cohort (8).

If you are interested in applying please click on the below link. Cohort 8 applications must be submitted before the end of March 10. <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/show.php?id=53>

The Joint Improvement Team and the Dementia Services Development Centre, Free Events

The Joint Improvement Team and the Dementia Services Development Centre are pleased to invite you to 2 free events to mark the launch of 4 books aimed at supporting staff in the use of Telecare. The events will provide an opportunity for participants to learn about the potential of telecare, and to share their experiences of its use. The events should be of interest to service managers, trainers and course leaders on professional qualifying courses working with a range of client groups.

Event 1: Telecare for people with a disability

Date: Friday 26th March 2010

Time: 9.45am - 3.30pm

Venue: Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Redbrae Road, Falkirk FK1 4DD

Audience: people working with

- people with a learning disability
- people with a physical disability
- people with a sensory impairment

as well as managers of these services, trainers and educators involved with these client groups.

Event 2: Using telecare to support people with dementia

Date: Thursday 15th April 2010

Time: 9.45am - 3.30pm

Venue: Iris Murdoch Building, University of Stirling, FK9 4LA

Audience: People working with people with dementia, as well as managers of services, trainers and educators.

Lunch, refreshments and publications will be provided on both days.

These events are expected to be very popular, so early booking is strongly advised to avoid disappointment.

To download the full programme for each event and to book a place online please [visit online shop](#) or use link <http://www.dementiashop.co.uk/?q=events/display/461f7dc8-7a4c-4f2f-1ef4-4b756d28d9c8>

Workforce Unit, Housing Support Events, 16th & 24th March

Due to the success of the events for Housing Support providers last year, the Workforce Unit, in partnership with the Housing Support Enabling Unit, is delighted to announce another round of events to be held in **Helensburgh** and **Fife** on the **16th and 24th March** respectively. Topics to be covered on the day include:

- Housing Support Issues
- Procurement
- Registration
- Qualifications
- Funding

These events are open to housing support providers in voluntary, statutory and private sectors. A full programme is [available here](#). You can make a [booking online](#) (please state which event you would like to attend), or for further information contact [Laura Weir](#)

Leading the Way Event, (Effective Engagement) & Citizen Leadership Event, 26th February, Touchbase, Kinning Park, Glasgow

Practical ways to support the participation of service users and carers in social work education and training.

This FREE event is for those involved in Social Work Education and Training. This might include Curriculum Managers / Course Leaders, Training managers, Trainers and People who use services and their families. (lunch will be provided)

What is the event about?

This event provides an opportunity to look at good practice in relation to involving people who use services and their carers in Social Work Education and services.

To find out more go to the SCLD website: <http://www.sclد.org.uk/what-we-offer/training/calendar-of-courses-and-events/leading-the-way.xhtml>

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

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