



Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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Welcome to July's e-bulletin

Welcome to our seventh 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 Local Learning Network meetings events and 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 meetings/LPLNs

Area	Date	Time	Venue
Argyll & Bute	16th Sept	10.30	The George Hotel Inveraray
Ayrshires and Dumfries & Galloway	6th August	11am	Cumnock Town Hall
East Dunbartonshire	18th Sept	TBC	
East Renfrewshire	10th Sept	TBC	
Glasgow	15th Sept	TBC	Mitchell Library
Inverclyde	10th Sept	TBC	
Lanarkshires	5th August	9.30am	St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie
Renfrewshire	15th Sept	TBC	Paisley, LNW offices
West Dunbartonshire LPLN	6th 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.

LEARN (Glasgow Service User and Carer Local Learning Network) 22nd July 2010

The next meeting of LEARN (Glasgow Service User and Carer Local Learning Network) will take place on Thursday 22nd July @ 1.30pm in platForum, Burleigh Street, Govan.

To find out more, please contact Julie Thomson at 0141 848 1500 or email her julie.thomson@westlearn.org.uk

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Over the next few months we will be supporting learning and development in the following areas: **Leadership, SSSC Registration, Recognition of Prior Learning, Personalisation, Early Years and Childcare, Post Registration Training and Learning, Coaching and Mentoring and much more..**

We will be supporting themed conversations, Local Learning Network meetings and events. If you want to be part of these exciting learning opportunities please keep in touch with us by registering your interest at <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/signup.php>

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News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

Building Curriculum for Excellence through positive relationships and behaviour - Behaviour in Scottish Schools Research 2009, The Scottish Advisory Group on Behaviour in Schools - [click here](#) to find out more.

Guide to Implementing Getting it right for every child - Messages from pathfinders and learning partners - [Click here](#) to read further.

'Through our eyes' is the third DVD produced by the Scottish Dementia Working Group - This DVD features seven members of the SDWG and enables viewers to see what it's like to live life with dementia from the perspective of people with dementia. For further information and to preview this DVD [click here](#).

Voluntary Sector Development Fund - The Scottish Government has now published the application form, equality monitoring form and guidance notes for the 2010 Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF). Further information can be found on the [WFU website](#). Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday 3rd September 2010**.

Chief of Care Commission OBE - Jacquie Roberts, Chief Executive of the Care Commission has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to social care. [Click here](#) to read further.

Issue three of Investing in Children's future, Childhood practice awards newsletter is now available to download [click here](#) to access.

Inquiry on 'disability-related harassment' - The Equality and Human Rights Commission is holding an inquiry into 'disability-related harassment' (hate crime). They want to hear from anyone who has experienced this type of harassment. This includes: stories from people who have been victims of hate crime; stories from people who know someone who has been a victim of hate crime; stories from people who have been trying to stop hate crime or have been helping victims. They want to hear about things that happen in people's own homes or out and about. They are NOT asking about things that happen at work, because that is covered by different laws. They want to hear about things happening in England, Scotland and Wales, but not Northern Ireland. [Click here](#) for further information.

....STOP PRESS....PLACES AVAILABLE....STOP PRESS...STOP

Are you interested in Practice Learning? Learning Network **West** are running two Practice Learning Courses, the first cohort starts on Tuesday 13th July and the second starts on Monday 23rd August; both courses will be taught over a period of twelve days. If you wish to apply for either of these courses please contact Kathleen.allison@westlearn.org.uk or Nicola.bain@westlearn.org.uk or phone 0141 848 1500. For additional information please visit the Learning Network website: <http://data.learningnetworks.org.uk/workforce/480/Course%20Dates%20-%20Cohort%209new.pdf>

Please note, closing date for applications has been extended.

Facilitative Trainer follow up days

Were you fortunate enough to complete the Facilitative Trainer programme? If so, we are holding a follow up day for you to consolidate your knowledge and further develop your skills. This is a half day session on Thursday 19th August, 9.45 -12.30 at our offices in Paisley.

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

We are planning some additional work around the Facilitative Trainer approach, individuals who attend and support follow up days will be given priority for related events.

Places and Spaces: Play Scotland Annual Conference 30th September 2010, Edinburgh

Play Scotland works to promote the importance of play for all children and young people, and campaigns to create increased play opportunities in the community.

They will be hosting their annual conference on Thursday 30th September at the Apex Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh.

Speakers include: Dr Harry Burns, Chief Medical Officer; Prof Frank Furedi; Janette Fich Jespersion, Kompan; Matthew King, Child Friendly Initiatives, UNICEF and Fergus Storrier, Youth Justice, Tayside Police.

There is an early bird discount of 15% if you book before 30th July.

STRADA Academic Programmes 2010 – Places still available!

Places are still available on the following courses, which have been developed specifically for professionals working within the addictions field:

Certificate of Higher Education: Drug and Alcohol Practice ([click here for information and an application pack](#))

Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership of Drug and Alcohol Services ([click here for information and an application pack](#))

Both programmes will commence in September 2010 and they will be taught at the University of Glasgow on a part-time basis. Teaching schedules are designed so that participants are able to undertake the qualifications whilst working full-time.

It is worth noting that for those that meet the eligibility criteria, there are fully funded places available on the Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership. This means that for some people, this course is completely free of charge. There are also opportunities to obtain part-funding for the Certificate of Higher Education: Drug and Alcohol Practice. Please see the STRADA web site www.projectSTRADA.org for further details.

If you have any questions about the educational programmes, contact Steven Kendrick on 0141 330 2400, or email strada@gla.ac.uk.

Learning Network West - Guest Bloggers

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

Throughout August we will have guest bloggers, if you have something to say please get in touch.

SIRCC - Away with Words: Trauma-Informed Practice, 1st October 2010, Jordanhill Campus

This seminar explores effective practice with children and young people whose development has been impaired by trauma. It challenges the predominant dependence on traditional verbal approaches, supporting practitioners to integrate a range of concepts and practices that promote growth and recovery. Recent developments in neurobiological understandings will be linked with direct practice in the life space.

Participants will take part in activity based workshops, as well as listening to exciting speakers who can expand understanding of this important field. If you would like more information, contact sircevents@strath.ac.uk or call 0141 950 3683.

Youth Work, Week Conference Edinburgh Wednesday 3 November 2010

This conference will be a partnership event with Scottish Government, LTS, Young Scot, HMle and the Scottish Youth Parliament around the theme of 'Youth Voices' which will also link into Curriculum for Excellence and pupil inclusion.

For further information: Susan Symington 0131 313 2488.

Professional Development Award in Practice Learning (Social Services) Assessor Training, 9th & 10th September 2010, Paisley

Places are still available for anyone interested in attending the above Assessor Training. If you are interested please click on the below link for further information.

<http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/show.php?id=53>

Did you know..?

There are four regional Learning Networks across Scotland: **North**, **Tayforth**, **West** and **South East**. The geographical areas of the four Learning Networks encompass stakeholders from national and local government, the NHS, Service Users and Carers, education and training providers, and the voluntary and private sectors.

Together we will work to enhance the services our service users and carers need. As a national organisation, Scottish Social Services Learning Network is funded to: enable partnerships; to bring together stakeholders; to share knowledge and experience; and to facilitate sharing of resources across the social services sector. The Learning Network acts as a catalyst for change in order to meet the ongoing learning and development needs of the sector. To find out more about the work we do, visit our website <http://www.learningnetworks.org.uk/show.php?id=73> you will find information about social service activity in your area.

Some useful links and resources

Listed below are some links/resources we hope you find useful and informative, some you may already know:

<http://www.continuouslearningframework.com/clf/home/welcome-to-the-continuous-learning-framework-website.html>

<http://workforcesolutions.sssc.uk.com/>

<http://www.iriss.org.uk/>

<http://www.ssks.org.uk/>

<http://www.ccpScotland.org/workforceunit>

<http://www.workforceinitiative.co.uk/>

<http://www.agreedate.com/>

<http://davehingsburger.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.tamingtigers.com/site/rules.cfm?page=rules>

<http://www.sircc.org.uk/>

<http://www.scie.org.uk/socialcaretv/default.asp>

If you have a web links you want to share please let us know.

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

Learning Network **West's** training facility is available to hire. If you want 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.

To enquire about prices, available dates etc. please contact denise.alexander@westlearn.org.uk or call her on 0141 848 1500.



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