

# News bulletin - Apr 09

## Welcome to your April news bulletin

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## Network News

### SVQ Assessors & Verifiers Local Area Network (SVQ LAN)

The next meeting of the SVQ LAN is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Centre for Health Science in Inverness. The focus of the day will be **work based literacy & numeracy** incorporating two speakers, a plenary session to facilitate professional discussions and a networking lunch. It doesn't cost anything to belong to the network so if you are an Assessor or Verifier and haven't yet joined the Local Area Network then contact Jan at the Network office: e. [learningnetworknorth@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:learningnetworknorth@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or t. 01888 569200

### Forthcoming events

We know everyone's diaries get filled up really quickly so here's a snapshot of upcoming Network events:

- 4<sup>th</sup> June – Aberdeen - Dementia Awareness
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Inverness - Dementia Awareness
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Aberdeen - LNN & Private Care Sector Workforce Initiative
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Inverness - LNN & Private Care Sector Workforce Initiative
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Elgin - Adult Support & Protection Awareness Training
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Aberdeen - Adult Support & Protection Awareness Training

Note: The Dementia events will also be run in the Orkney Islands, the Shetland Islands and Eilean Siar (Western Isles) - dates tbc.

Other events through the year will feature the Continuous Learning Framework and Local Practitioner Forums.

**Dementia Awareness Week (Scotland) 31<sup>st</sup> May - 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Carers Week 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June**

### LNN Business Plan 2008 - 2011

Download your copy [here](#)

## PLQ Info

### Robert Gordon University : Seeking Voluntary Sector Representatives

The Graduate Certificate **Practice Learning Qualification (Social Services)** course is currently looking for representatives from the voluntary sector to join the Course Management Team (CMT).

The design and delivery of this course reflects a partnership between the University, Social Work Agencies, Service Users and Carers. RGU are aiming to ensure that both local authority and voluntary sector agencies are represented on the CMT to reflect the range of services that the student group is drawn from and to ensure that local representation plays an active part in the management and evaluation of the course.

This post qualifying, one year, course is designed to provide students with the ability to facilitate and assess the professional development and competence of social work students' practice learning experiences.

The CMT meets twice a year in March and October. Interested in becoming involved in the development of this new initiative? Contact the Course Leader e. [I.bruce@rgu.ac.uk](mailto:I.bruce@rgu.ac.uk) or t. 01224 263373

### UHI - PDA in Practice learning and PDA in Practice learning (SS)

UHI will be commencing the next Professional Development Award in Practice learning in August. Applications are now being sought for this next course.

The UHI course is a combination of distance learning and tutorials and can be completed over one academic year. For an application form and further details please contact Elaine Adams, Curriculum Manager, Inverness College on t. 01464273529 or e [Elaine.adams@inverness.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:Elaine.adams@inverness.uhi.ac.uk)

UHI will also be working in partnership with the University of Dundee on the Practice Learning Qualification to offer free places to those working within the voluntary sector in the Tayforth Region. Tutorials will be held in both Inverness and Perth. If you work within this catchment area please contact Elaine for further details.

## Changing Lives

### Newsletter

Click [here](#) to access the new Spring / Summer 2009 issue of the Changing Lives Newsletter.

If you would like to receive a hard copy (or copies) please contact Ben Coburn, Communications, Changing Lives e. [Ben.Coburn@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Ben.Coburn@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) t. 0131 244 7683

### Service Development Group

The Personalisation Papers – the key product of the Service Development Group – have now been published. They are 3 papers that have been pulled together in to a single publication.

Click [here](#) to view the publication. Hard copies are also available from the Scottish Government, contact Sandra Murray; e. [sandra.murray@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.murray@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) t. 0131 244 3631

## Scottish Government

Spring 2009 Forthcoming Consultation: The Contribution of the Social Work Profession to Delivering Better Outcomes for Scotland. This Guidance will highlight the contribution of the social work profession to delivering better outcomes for Scotland and set out those social work functions which only registered social workers should be accountable for.

Contact e. [Gwen.Smith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Gwen.Smith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) t. 0131 244 3737

## Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme)

### Information Events - June 2009

In June 2009, the Scottish Government is hosting a series of six, free information events that aim to bring organisations up to speed with implementation activities and provide an opportunity to consider and discuss aspects of the PVG Scheme. The events will be of interest to people who are responsible for recruiting people to work with vulnerable groups. In particular, they are aimed at organisations that are:

- registered with Disclosure Scotland,
- have a regulatory role; or,
- represent groups and/or organisations that work with vulnerable groups.

The events will run from 9.30am until 1.30pm and lunch will be provided. Presentations will be delivered by members of the PVG Scheme Implementation Team in the Scottish Government.

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Edinburgh
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June Glasgow
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June Aberdeen**
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Dundee
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Inverness
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Perth

For further information and to book a place click [here](#) or e. [info@protectingvulnerablegroups.com](mailto:info@protectingvulnerablegroups.com) or t. 0131 272 2316 (Holyrood Communications).

The Central Registered Body in Scotland (CRBS) will host similar events around Scotland for voluntary groups and small organisations later in the year. For more information, please contact the CRBS on 01786 849777 or click [www.crbs.org.uk](http://www.crbs.org.uk)

### New Information Booklet

The Scottish Government has published a new information booklet to help raise awareness of the PVG Scheme. Click [here](#) to download in pdf format or contact the PVG Scheme Implementation Team: t. 0131 244 7612 or e. [pvg.enquiries@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pvg.enquiries@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

## Criminal Justice Social Work

### Early & Effective Intervention Practice – Conference Roadshows

The Criminal Justice Social Work Development Centre in partnership with the Scottish Government are to launch the multi-agency Early and Effective Intervention Strategy at this series of free one day conference road shows .

The roadshows which are aimed at practitioners, managers and policy leads in the field of youth justice, child care, education, health, police and youth work will provide an opportunity to:

- Communicate key messages of Early and Effective Intervention
- Consider good practice guidance on Early and Effective intervention
- Use case studies to explore how agencies can develop services to meet their local needs and improve outcomes and practices for young people in line with the principles of Getting it Right for Every Child

Dundee 27<sup>th</sup> May : Glasgow 2<sup>nd</sup> June : Ayr 9<sup>th</sup> June : Edinburgh 4<sup>th</sup> June

Click [here](#) to download the event flyer

For Further information contact [Theresa.hanna@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Theresa.hanna@ed.ac.uk)

# SSSC

## Registration Update

- Legislation coming into force on the 30th of April 2009 will effectively set deadlines for registration with the SSSC for categories of the register that are currently open. The legislation specifies "Required Registration" dates for each category of the register after which employers will be committing an offence if, without reasonable excuse, they employ a worker in a post subject to registration who is not registered with the SSSC or another relevant regulatory body e.g. the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

### Required registration dates for existing workers

|                               |                 |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Residential Child Care        | All workers     | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2009  |
| Care Home Services for Adults | Managers        | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009   |
|                               | Supervisors     | 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 |
|                               | Practitioner    | 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 |
| Adult Day Care Services       | Support Workers | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2015  |
|                               | Managers        | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009   |
| Day Care of Children Services | Managers        | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010   |
|                               | Practitioners   | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2011  |
|                               | Support Workers | 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2014  |

- Required registration dates for workers in parts of the register which are not yet open (eg Housing Support) will be set by the Scottish Government in due course.
- The SSSC will contact employers to advise when applications for registration must be submitted to guarantee registration by the required date. Managers of Adult Day Care Services and Care Home Services for Adults, for example, must submit their application for registration to the SSSC by 31st May 2009 to ensure that their application is processed before the start of the required registration of these workers in November 2009.

### What will the legislation mean for new recruits?

- After the initial consultation, there was some confusion over the situation for new recruits. Initially, the Scottish Government intended all new recruits in posts subject to registration to achieve registration within 6 months of taking up post.
- However we can now clarify that only new recruits to posts in the following categories must achieve registration **within six months** of taking up post:
  - Residential child care workers
  - Managers of adult day care services
  - Managers of care home services for adults
- The Scottish Government will revert to the sector to discuss registration of new workers to all other groups in the near future.

## Individual Learning Accounts (ILA)

- The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Fiona Hyslop has announced new criteria for ILAs during a visit to the Open University in Scotland, Drumsheugh Gardens in Edinburgh.
- Changes being made to the ILA Scotland Scheme which will be available to learners in the 2009-10 academic year now mean that:
  - the income threshold will be increased from £18,000 to £22,000
  - the minimum study requirement for the ILA £500 grant will be reduced from 50% of a full-time course to 40 SCQF Credits
  - eligible students studying part-time taught postgraduate courses (SCQF level 11) will be supported through the ILA500 scheme.
- Click [here](#) to access the ILA website and find out more.

## University of Stirling

The Social Work CPD team are developing new programmes for autumn 2009:

- A new MSc in Applied Studies (Child Welfare and Protection) will include Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma options as well as the Masters degree.  
The programme will enable students to reflect on theories, models and approaches and their application within a variety of contemporary practice settings. The course builds on learning at graduate level and practice at the level of the experienced practitioner and aims to develop critical, reflective and analytical thinkers.
- MSc in Applied Studies (Management and Leadership in Social Services) The established MSc for social service managers is being revised in response to the challenges facing leaders today. Managing change, risk, complexity and uncertainty requires the ability to reflect as well as to act. Working in partnership with diverse stakeholders is integral to the manager's role. The course will include opportunities for collaborative learning with colleagues from diverse professional backgrounds while retaining a key focus on contemporary leadership and management challenges in Scottish social services.  
Flexible modular options offer choice for applicants pursuing a Postgraduate Certificate, or those keen to use an existing Leading to Deliver award to work towards a Postgraduate Diploma.

For more detailed information contact Veronica Collins, Course Director, [v.m.collins@stir.ac.uk](mailto:v.m.collins@stir.ac.uk) or Frances Patterson, [m.f.patterson@stir.ac.uk](mailto:m.f.patterson@stir.ac.uk)

## New Framework for Local Partnerships on Alcohol and Drugs

The "New Framework for Local Partnerships on Alcohol and Drugs" is now available as a web-publication, click [here](#) to download in pdf format

The document signed earlier this week by Fergus Ewing, Minister for Community Safety, Shona Robison, Minister for Public Health and Sport and Cllr Ronnie McColl, CoSLA Health and Wellbeing Spokesperson, at National event in Edinburgh sets out a new framework for local partnerships on alcohol and drugs. It aims to ensure that all bodies involved in tackling alcohol and drugs problems understand their responsibilities and their relationships with each other; and to focus activity on the identification, pursuit and achievement of agreed, shared outcomes.

## STRADA

STRADA are currently recruiting for the forthcoming STRADA Academic Programmes:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Addictions
- Certificate of Higher Education: Drug and Alcohol Practice

Both programmes are aimed at professionals currently employed in the substance misuse field, who wish to gain a specialist University accredited qualification. The programmes are taught part-time over one academic year at the University of Glasgow.

Both programmes commence in September 2009 and the deadline for applications is May 11th 2009.

For full details or to download an application pack, click [www.projectSTRADA.org](http://www.projectSTRADA.org) alternatively contact Steven Kendrick e. [strada@gla.ac.uk](mailto:strada@gla.ac.uk) or t. 0141 330 2400.

## STRADA FOCUS

Click [here](#) to download the latest edition of STRADA's news bulletin

## Youth Justice Practitioners Forum

16<sup>th</sup> June, Council Chambers, Woodhill House  
9.30am to 4.00pm

The June forum will host speakers and workshops related to young offenders and their health.

The day will follow the same format as previous forums, with speakers and information sharing in the morning and workshops in the afternoon. You can choose whether to attend for the full or part of the day. A finalised programme for the day will be issued as soon as possible.

To advise of your interest in attending contact Alison Garrow, Aberdeenshire Council;  
e. [alison.garrow@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:alison.garrow@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or t. 01224 664991.

## ADSW

**Getting it Right Annual Conference & Exhibition**  
13<sup>th</sup> -15 th May Crieff Hydro

Click [here](#) to download the conference flyer in pdf format. To book your place contact Louise Noble at COSLA: t. 0131 474 9224 or e. [louise@cosla.gov.uk](mailto:louise@cosla.gov.uk)

## Caring Costs : A free conference for unpaid carers and those who support them

CrossReach, working in partnership with Carers Scotland, is pleased to invite you to attend a free conference on June 10th in Dundee specifically for unpaid carers and those who support them.

There will be the opportunity to:

- Listen to others talk about caring
- Find out about the Government's strategy for Carers, and what it might mean for YOU
- Have access to people, information and resources which will offer help and support
- Meet others in similar situations
- Fill in a confidential questionnaire which will help us provide better support
- Have a good time!

Click [here](#) to download event flyer in pdf format

Click [here](#) to access the CrossReach website and complete the online registration form



**If you have an event to publicise or an item of news you'd like to share please contact us:**

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