

SIRCC E-News December 2008

Season's Greetings & Best Wishes for the New Year.

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Gain a Professional Qualification

If you have at least one year's residential child care experience and hold an HNC or equivalent you may be interested in applying for the September, 2009 4-year professional award: **BA(Hons) Social Work (Residential Child Care) by Distance Learning**, delivered free of all course fees by The Robert Gordon University. Advanced entry may be possible based on relevant qualifications and experience. Employer approval required.

For Information and Application contact a.aberdein@rgu.ac.uk, tel: 01224 263225 or go to: www.rgu.ac.uk/social/SIRCC for downloadable forms.

NRCCI Stakeholder Engagement

Stage 2 of the stakeholder engagement process is about to begin. 4 regional events are being held in the New Year. Edinburgh: Friday, 30 Jan, Glasgow: Wed, 11 Feb, Perth: Thurs, 19 Feb and Inverness: Mon, 23 Feb

Please visit NRCCI on the SIRCC website to book onto an event in the New Year.

Remember if you would like to submit a question or comment to the working groups of the NRCCI you can do so [HERE](#)

Forthcoming Events:

Fed-Up of Fired-Up: Unleashing creativity and fun in residential care: 5th February 2009 - MacRoberts Centre, Stirling

The Scottish Government's 'Vision of Scotland's Children' includes having opportunities to take part in activities that are healthy, achieving nurturing and safe. **Workshop themes** provisionally include music, collage, photography, DVD making, arts, story-telling, karaoke, sensory stories, poetry, movement and using web technology. Check the SIRCC web site for more information and booking forms.

Research Day Seminar: Advancing Practice: Recent Research into Residential Child Care: 3rd March 2009, Thistle Hotel, Edinburgh (Near Waverley Station)

The aim of the seminar is to disseminate research into practice and to ensure that information is passed on to the field and to all those who have the opportunity to influence and implement research into practice. There will be choice from a wide range of short presentations in syndicate rooms at three points during the day. Check the SIRCC web site for more information and booking forms.

SIRCC National Conference Call for Papers: 11th & 12th June 2009

Theme: Seeing the Whole Picture: Working in partnership to enhance the lives of children looked after away from home.

Due to early demand, booking forms are already on the SIRCC web site. Enquiries are also welcome from potential exhibitors and sponsors. Please feel free to send an e-mail with any enquiries to sirccevents@strath.ac.uk More details about the programme and content in February 2009.

All SIRCC seminars and conferences are recognised for PRTL for people who are already registered with the SSSC

Other News

Changing Lives Newsletter

SIRCC is pleased to draw attention to the latest Changing Lives Newsletter on:

<http://www.socialworkscotland.org.uk/resources/pub/ChangingLivesNewsletterAutumnWinter2008.pdf>

And to a new [Children at the Centre Training for Trainers](#) programme

Registration Consultation

You still have time to comment on the final dates for social service workers to register with the SSSC. The Consultation closes on 31st Dec. You can view the consultation at

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/10/09104047/1>

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