

# News bulletin - May 09

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## Network News

### • Dementia Awareness Workshops 4<sup>th</sup> June, Aberdeen & 5th June, Inverness

These **free** events will focus on issues for people with dementia, family carers and workers. The workshop adopts an anti- ageist approach is non-discriminatory and is based on current findings from national and international research. Reference will be made to current examples of good practice throughout the workshop.

For more information and details of how to book click [www.learningnetworks.org.uk/north](http://www.learningnetworks.org.uk/north) or contact Jan on 01888 569200

Note: We will also be running the Dementia Awareness Workshops in the Orkney Islands, the Shetland Islands and Eilean Siar (Western Isles) - dates tbc.

### • Forward Thinking with the Private Sector 8<sup>th</sup> June, Aberdeen & 9th June, Inverness

Earlier this year across Scotland a series of 8 successful joint events were conducted with the Learning Networks and the Private Care Sector Workforce Initiative, approximately 200 private sector owners, managers and trainers attended these sessions two of which were held within the Learning Network North area

We have now taken stock of the discussions and overall feedback from the events and considered the best way forward. A report which provides feedback from participants at the events is available at [www.workforceinitiative.co.uk](http://www.workforceinitiative.co.uk)

In order to build on the success of the initial events it has been decided to hold a further series of workshops. The purpose will be to address key issues for the private sector in relation to developing the skills of the workforce. In part these issues will be those raised at the earlier workshops and new items which have been given a high profile by the Scottish Government and the SSSC.

Here in the north these will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> June in Aberdeen and the 9<sup>th</sup> June in Inverness, For more information and details of how to book click [www.workforceinitiative.co.uk](http://www.workforceinitiative.co.uk) or contact Rona Montagneux, Administrator, Workforce Initiative on 07711 404017

### • Adult Support & Protection Awareness Training 2<sup>nd</sup> July Elgin & 3rd July, Aberdeen

In partnership with ARC Scotland the Learning Network North invites you to attend one of these two **free** events which will enable you to become aware and understand the implications of the legislation for the Support and Protection of Vulnerable Adults.

For more information and details of how to book click [www.learningnetworks.org.uk/north](http://www.learningnetworks.org.uk/north) or contact Jan on 01888 569200

## • Implementing the Adult Support & Protection Act

Funded by the Scottish Government, the **Private Care Sector Workforce Initiative** has designed and developed a set of learning materials to underpin the Act. Arising from this a resource pack, **Tell Someone**, has been produced. Scottish Government funding has been continued to allow Tell Someone to be disseminated to all Care Commission registered adult care services in Scotland, including services for older people, across the **private and voluntary sectors**.

For more information about the Training the Trainers courses being run across Scotland, including dates and venues click [www.learningnetworks.org.uk/north](http://www.learningnetworks.org.uk/north)

## NHS Grampian - free training

Grampian Caredata, Health Improvement Services, Health Information Resources Service, Healthpoint, HI-Net

These services are in place to support you in your work. If you would like to learn more about them you can attend one of the following free training sessions:

3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2009	Aberdeen - Salvation Army Citadel, Castlegate
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2009	Stonehaven - Heugh Hotel Westfield Road
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Elgin - Town Hall Trinity Place
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010	Fraserburgh - Museum of Scottish Lighthouses Kinnaird Head

These events are a half day in workshop format and are designed to be informative and fun. You will be able to get 'hands on' with what the services offer, and in most cases be able to liaise with the service co-ordinator. These events also include a session by NHS24. NHS Grampian can also organise a training session specifically for your organisation and to your requirements (minimum 12 people).

For more information and to book please contact: Linda E Rendall, Training Administrator, Health Promotion Programme, NHS Grampian e. [linda.rendall@nhs.net](mailto:linda.rendall@nhs.net) t. 01224 558486

## Dementia Services Development Centre

Based at the University of Stirling, the team provides innovative dementia training for health and social care professionals working with people with dementia.

Download the forthcoming events June to August [here](#)

Click [here](#) to download the Spring 2009 edition of Dementia Perspective.

## Alzheimer Scotland

### Consultation: Words into Action on Dementia

Do you have experience of dementia - as a family member, person diagnosed, friend, professional, or as someone involved in your community? Yes? Then go along to one of Alzheimer Scotland's forthcoming road shows to help shape a Charter of Rights and a Dementia Manifesto or you can take part by completing a questionnaire. To book a place at a 'Road Show' or ask for a questionnaire please ring 0131 243 1453 with details or click [here](#) to download the flyer and complete the reply slip.

Visit the Alzheimer Scotland website at [www.alzscot.org](http://www.alzscot.org) to find out more and read the Draft Charter and Draft Manifesto.

The Road Show is in the north of Scotland on the 25<sup>th</sup> June at Eden Court Theatre, Inverness.

The consultation runs between 20 May and 30 June 2009. The Charter and Manifesto will be launched on World Alzheimer's Day, 21 September 2009.

## 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. The CMT meets twice a year in March and October. Are you 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

### • Robert Gordon University : School of Applied Social Studies

The School has recently been subject to a very successful School Review and all four social work qualifying courses were re approved, Head of School, Prof Joyce Lishman would like to thank everyone who contributed.

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

Applications are being invited for the next course of the Professional Development Award in Practice Learning (SS) (PDA in Practice Learning) due to commence in August 2009. This award is a qualification for those working within the field of social services and other related occupations. The programme replaces the earlier Practice Teaching award and has as its base eight units which have been approved by the Scottish Qualifications Authority and the Scottish Social Services Council. The course is one of the first Professional Development Awards to be offered at Level 10 which is the equivalent to the final year of an honours degree. Applicants can apply from any discipline e.g. Social Work, Health, Occupational Therapy. The entrance criteria for those who wish to undertake the PDA in Practice Learning (SS) is that they are registered or eligible for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). Applicants must have well developed communication and inter-personal skills and a relevant professional qualification at level 8/9 (equivalent to 3rd year university or ordinary degree level) for example, DipSW, CQSW, or equivalent qualification in health, housing, occupational therapy, or education as well as relevant experience.

UHI has designed the course in partnership with others including service users and carers, to run flexibly over the course of one academic year. The eight units are covered in five knowledge blocks which focus upon the following themes.

- Theory research and evidence based practice
- Teaching and learning – Facilitating the learning of others
- Promoting and developing professional practice
- Developing learning opportunities and assessing learners
- Leadership reflection and analysis

It is a requirement of the course that applicants will work with learners during the course and that appropriately qualified assessors within the workplace can directly observe their practice. The programme is taught by distance learning. The time commitment involved will include a two day induction and one day of study for each knowledge block days throughout the year. Further information and application forms available from Elaine Adams Course Co-ordinator on 01463 273529 or [elaine.adams@inverness.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:elaine.adams@inverness.uhi.ac.uk)

### Practice Learning Qualifications (PLQ/PLQ (SS)) Materials Development

Writers wanted now!

If you are interested in this opportunity to contribute to the PLQ/PLQ (SS) please click [here](#) for further information or contact [Karen.mclaughlin@sssc.uk.com](mailto:Karen.mclaughlin@sssc.uk.com)

# SSSC

## • Care Accolades 2009 finalists announced

This year's winners will be announced at the award ceremony and event on 5 June at The Caird Hall, Dundee. The Care Accolades, organised by the SSSC in partnership with the Scottish Government, is an important event which provides the sector with the opportunity to promote an exciting and imaginative range of projects and good practice with other social service organisations.

There are 156 entries this year, more than double last year's submissions and among the nineteen 2009 finalists are:

### Best partnership working in early years and young people services

Triple P project - **Orkney Islands Council** with partner organisations: members of Orkney Childcare Partnership Management Group, elected members of Orkney Islands Council, NHS Orkney, Orkney Islands Council: Children and Families, Criminal Justice Community Services, Education and Leisure Support and pupil support

### Best innovative training programme

**Highland Council**, Social Work Service - Getting Ready for Grading

### Best social service team or unit in Scotland

**Cornerstone Community Care – Forensic Services in Aberdeen.** Cornerstone's Forensic Services provide support for adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues where past, present or future contact with the criminal justice system has been identified or is anticipated.

Congratulations to these three north of Scotland finalists, we wish them all the best of luck.

## • Deadline fast approaching for managers of care home and adult day care services

Care home and adult day care services managers registering with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) have until 31 May 2009 to get their applications submitted to meet the Scottish Government deadline for required registration. Click [here](#) to view a short film 'Getting it Right' which guides applicants through the form. To order application packs contact the SSSC on 0845 60 30 891 or email [registration@sssc.uk.com](mailto:registration@sssc.uk.com)

## • Equality Scheme action plan consultation

The SSSC is currently consulting on the content of the organisation's draft Equality Scheme action plan for 2009 to 2010. The action plan covers gender, race and ethnicity, disability and age.

If you are interested in contributing to this consultation please go to the [Equality and Diversity](#) section of the SSSC website to view the completed action plan for 2008/09 to see what we have been doing up to now and to view the draft action plan for 2009/10. If you wish to contribute please click [here](#) to take the survey. The closing date is Friday 29 May 2009. e. [enquiries@sssc.uk.com](mailto:enquiries@sssc.uk.com) t. 01382 207101

## • Funding & Support for Training – A Guide for Providers of Scottish Social Services 2009

A new guide has been developed by the SSSC with the purpose of providing up to date information on sources of funding and activities which support training currently available for organisations delivering social services in Scotland. The content of the guide draws on earlier funding guides and reports published by the SSSC in 2004 and 2005.

The guide will be useful for employers, employees, stakeholder organisations in the sector and those commissioning social services. Click [here](#) to download a copy.

## • Get Skilled

The SSSC produce a special edition newsletter which describes the Sector Skills Agreement and the work that is underway to implement it. Click [here](#) to download issue 2 Spring 2009 of Get Skilled.

## Scottish Government

- **Getting it Right for Every Child**

Getting it right for every child is a programme that aims to improve outcomes for all children and young people. Download the latest GIRFEC newsletter [here](#).

- **Early Years Information**

The Scottish Government's National Performance Framework sets out a number of National Outcomes which will support the move towards a Smarter Scotland. In its Concordat with local government the Scottish Government has committed to improving the learning experience for children and young people by improving the fabric of schools and **nurseries**; developing and delivering A Curriculum for Excellence.

Click [here](#) to access the recently published guidance on **pre school** teacher deployment.

- **Evaluation of Intensive Family Support Projects in Scotland**

This report examines the establishment, operation and impacts of intensive family intervention projects operating in Scotland. The research was initiated mainly to evaluate the three 'Breaking the Cycle' (BtC) schemes funded by the Scottish Government as a two-year pilot programme running from 2006/07-2008/09.

Click [here](#) to download the report.

- **Consultation - Achieving Smoke-Free Mental Health Services in Scotland**

Click [here](#) to access Consultation responses

- **Towards a Mentally Flourishing Scotland: Policy and Action Plan 2009-2011**

Click [here](#) to access the policy and action plan which outlines the Government's plans for mental health improvement for the period 2009-2011.

## Glasgow School of Social Work, University of Strathclyde

Applications are invited for the MSc/Diploma/Certificate in Social Work Management course. This post graduate programme offers busy social work managers a flexible, challenging and professionally relevant course. Entry qualifications are first degree or professional qualifications and/or experience deemed equivalent.

To obtain an application pack contact Pamela McDaid, Course Administrator at [p.mcdaid@strath.ac.uk](mailto:p.mcdaid@strath.ac.uk) or t. 0141 950 3581. Additional course information can be accessed [here](#).

## SIRCC

### **SIRCC National Conference 2009 - Seeing the Whole Picture: Working in partnership to enhance the lives of children looked after away from home**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June : Crieff Hydro

The conference will explore the issues, challenges and opportunities associated with a partnership approach to working with children and young people looked after away from home.

Click [here](#) to visit SIRCC's website where you can download:- Conference Flyer, Provisional Programme, Individual or Group Booking Forms, List of Parallel Sessions & Options.  
or for more information t. 0141 950 3683 e. [sirccvents@strath.ac.uk](mailto:sirccvents@strath.ac.uk)

## VSSSWU

Choosing an SVQ provider can be a minefield for organisations that need to find a competent provider for SVQ awards.

The Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit has produced a guide to make the search an easier and more satisfactory process.

Click [here](#) to download the guidance.

## Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland

The Scottish Government wants to recruit 9 members for the Mobility & Access Committee for Scotland. MACS is an advisory public body that advises Scottish Ministers about the needs of disabled people in connection with transport. At least four of these posts, including the Convener, must be filled by people who consider themselves to be disabled under the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

To obtain an application pack contact e [paapplicationsmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:paapplicationsmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or t 0800 015 8449, advising of your interest in applying for a MACS member post. The closing date for applications is 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Information about public appointments and other vacancies can be viewed at the Scottish Government's website at [www.scotland.gov.uk/government/publicbodies](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/government/publicbodies)

## Reminders

### 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. 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.

### 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.

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

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



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