



Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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Welcome to our June E-bulletin

Welcome to our 6th e-bulletin of the year. Learning Network West will continue 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.

Area	Date	Time	Location
Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway	3rd July	11am	Cumnock Town Hall
Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway	3rd August	11am	Cumnock Town Hall
Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway	2nd October	11am	Cumnock Town Hall
Inverclyde	10th July	9.30am	John Wood Street
Inverclyde	11th September	9.30am	John Wood Street
Inverclyde	13th November	9.30am	John Wood Street
Argyll & Bute	19th June	10.30am	The George Hotel
Argyll & Bute	21st August	10.30am	Lochgilphead—T.B.A.
Argyll & Bute	21st October	10.30am	Inverary—T.B.A.
East Dunbartonshire	25th August	9.30am	T.B.A.
East Dunbartonshire	24th November	9.30am	T.B.A.
West Dunbartonshire	8th July	9.30am	Levenvalley Enterprise
West Dunbartonshire	2nd September	9.30am	Levenvalley Enterprise
West Dunbartonshire	4th November	9.30am	Levenvalley Enterprise
Renfrewshire	27th August	9.30am	Learning Network West Offices
Renfrewshire	23rd October	9.30am	Learning Network West Offices
East Renfrewshire	T.B.A.		
Glasgow	3rd September	9.30am	Mitchell Library
Glasgow	3rd November	9.30am	Mitchell Library
Lanarkshires	6th August	9.30am	St Andrew's Hospice
Lanarkshires	1st October	9.30am	Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre
Lanarkshires	3rd December	9.30am	St Andrew's Hospice

Launch of UNISON AND BASW—Helping People Change Their Lives, Thursday 25th June, 10am

Come and have a conversation with **Hilton Dawson, Chief Executive BASW**. We want to hear from you about how we could help you to help others at UNISON, West Campbell Street, Glasgow on Thursday 25 June at 10.00am

For more information call Ruth Stark on 0131 221 9445 or email r.stark@basw.co.uk and follow the Tour on www.basw.co.uk

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News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

West of Scotland Leadership Community - May 09 onwards [click here](#) to read update and information on current activities from Linda Ann Smith.

The May edition of Strada Focus has now been released [click here](#) to view.

Service Provision for Children and young People with Complex Needs in the Community Setting from the Perspectives of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals This report provides a picture of the key issues facing nurses and allied health professionals in the provision of services for children with complex needs across Scotland. It draws on data from four health board areas and links together information from workforce development plans, a survey practitioners and interviews with practitioners and managers.

[Click here](#) for Research Publication, [Click here](#) for Research Findings

Consultation on the proposal to develop an Acknowledge and Accountability approach for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse - Summary Report of the First and Written Part of Discussion on the Proposal To Develop a Forum [Click here](#) to read.

Safer Lives Changed Lives: A Shared Approach to Tackling Violence Against Women in Scotland— This publication provides a shared Understanding and approach which will guide the work of all parties to tackle violence against women in Scotland. [Click here](#) to read.

Tackling Multiple Deprivation in Communities: Considering the Evidence—Research report that reviews the current context for geographically focussed community regeneration in Scotland, the impact of previous interventions, and future challenges for area based regeneration. [Click here](#) to read.

The Scottish Government is funding development of a knowledge management strategy and action plan for social services, to underpin the goals of Changing Lives. Production of this strategy is being managed jointly by IRISS and NHS Education for Scotland, and builds on the foundations established by Social Services Knowledge Scotland (www.ssk.org.uk) the national online knowledge service. The working vision is to "share knowledge to equip and empower staff, service users and carers, to improve service outcomes". This will be achieved by making information and learning available when and where they are needed, in the format required, and by developing skills and confidence in using information. The aim is that the culture of asking questions, finding, evaluating and sharing information, and putting it into practice becomes an integral part of day to day work throughout the social services sector. The draft knowledge management strategy and action plan (which can be found by following this link - <http://tinyurl.com/KMdraft>) are based on extensive consultation on a strategy discussion paper during January to May 2009. They want to continue to engage with as a wide a range of stakeholders as possible at this stage they would welcome your feedback through the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/socialservices>. Alternatively you may email your comments direct to Susan Linder susan.lindner@iriss.org by **24th July 2009**

A Gathering Storm? Procurement, re-tendering and the voluntary sector social service workforce -

The report was commissioned by the Workforce Unit and was undertaken by the Scottish Centre for Employment Research, University of Strathclyde. You can read and download a copy of the report, click [here](#). The slides from the launch are also available click [here](#).

Carers and their Rights, 24th June, Carers Scotland at the Pearce Institute, 10am–4pm

The above course is aimed at Social workers, care managers advisers, carers' worker, health service staff, voluntary sector workers and occupational therapists

The last ten years have seen major reform of the law as it relates to carers. This course examines how recent legislation fits in with the maze of other community care statutes, and what rights carers have as a consequence, both from social services

and the NHS.

For further information or to book a place please contact Rena Friel on 0141 445 3070 or rena.friel@carerscotland.org

The cost for this full day training is £98 (voluntary sector) and £128 (private/public sector)

Black and Minority Ethnic Carers, 30th June, Carers Scotland at the Pearce Institute, 10am–4pm

This training has been designed to assist health, social work and voluntary sector practitioners develop the skills and knowledge necessary to conduct culturally competent assessments.

Carers give so much to society yet as a consequence of caring, they experience ill health, poverty and discrimination. BME carers are especially vulnerable to the latter.

This training aims to support those staff engaging, and yet to engage with the BME community.

For further information or to book a place please contact Rena Friel on 0141 445 3070 or rena.friel@carerscotland.org or anne.conlin@carerscotland.org

Supporting People with Learning Disability and Dementia, Tuesday 16th June, Iris Murdoch Building

This ½ day seminar In collaboration with Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability.

The **purpose of the workshop** is to consider the needs of people with learning disability and dementia and to preview and launch a new training resource pack

Seminar Leaders Alan Chapman, Associate Director, Education & Training, DSDC Lisa Curtice, Director, Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability Karen Watchman, Staff Tutor, Open University .

Who is it for? Managers, team leaders and support workers who support people with learning disabilities in care settings **COST:** £60 per delegate – includes copy of the new resource pack. Please download the booking form for more information. To book a place (there is an error on the booking form which says the price is £120, please ignore this, the price is **£60**).

Click [here](#) booking form and further information.

Learning Disability and Dementia, Tuesday 21 July at ARC Scotland

ARC Scotland are facilitating the above course on 21 July at ARC Scotland, Midlothian. The course runs from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and costs £78 per person. For further details and to book a place click on the

link below or email muriel.mcleod@arcuk.org.uk. <http://tinyurl.com/learning-disability-dementia>

SCLD—How to Say it—Simply!

How to Say It – Simply! Is a one-day training course from SCLD about making information accessible.

This is a practical course which builds confidence. What you learn on the day you can put into practice the next.

You will learn:

Why accessible information is so important to people with learning disabilities.

How to share power by interacting with people in a clear and easy to understand way.

The basic principles of producing accessible information

The following dates are available:

30th June 2009, The Argyll Hotel Inveraray
2nd July 2009, Edinburgh Training & Conference Centre

7th July 2009, Adelphi Centre Glasgow

8th July 2009, The Gailes Hotel, Irvine

9th July 2009, Easterbrook Hall Dumfries

For further information and to book a place [click here](#)

Why not check out the link below if you are interested in applying for a **National Training Manager post at SCLD**. Closing date 26th June 2009

www.sclld.org.uk/about-sclld/job-vacancies.xhtml

Scotland Skills—Upskilling for Success 1st October 2009, Thistle Glasgow

For the first time, Scotland Skills brings together the best skills training providers Scotland has to offer, to provide practical advice, support and guidance on the options available to upskill yourself or your employees and the routes to funding for skills.

Via the extensive exhibition and comprehensive series of seminars.

To book your FREE place or for more information just register on-line at www.scotlandskills.co.uk or call 0161 217 2500.

Post Graduate Community Care Programme— Glasgow School of Social Work

Places are now available for the academic year beginning in October 2009. The Community Care Postgraduate Programme provides an exciting and challenging opportunity for practitioners to update their knowledge and develop their critical skills in a multidisciplinary environment. The course is part-time and classes take place on a Wednesday.

This is an essential course for those who want to deepen their understanding of community care. All major aspects of the policy and practice context are

covered with a particular emphasis on the latest research evidence. The course aims to provide a student centred education designed to encourage application to practice.

Please click on the link for further information: <http://www.strath.ac.uk/gssw/associatedcentres/communitycareworks/mscincommunitycare/> or contact the Course Secretary : lynn.stewart.ccw@strath.ac.uk

Opportunities for Post-Qualifying Study at Masters level

Glasgow Caledonian University offers a number of modules for study at post-qualifying level, which enable the accumulation of credit towards a Masters degree.

The number of modules available increases year on year and the [Social Work booklet](#) gives full details including examples of 'pathways to a Masters degree'.

Typically, a module involves 3 days attendance at university, continued access to learning materials

through 'Blackboard' and the completion of a written assignment.

Module fees are £420 per 15 credit module.

[Click here](#) to read more...

Further information can be obtained from Ian Brodie, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow G4 0BA (0141 331 3163 or i.j.brodie@gcal.ac.uk) or from Julia Harris, Programme Administrator, Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow G4 0BA (0141 331 8142 or julia.harris@gcal.ac.uk)

Reminder— Morag Faulds Memorial Lecture, Monday 22 June 2009, University of the West of Scotland, Paisley Campus

There are still a few places left on this lecture

Following the success of the Inaugural Morag Faulds Lecture, the University of the West of Scotland are pleased to announce that this year's annual lecture will take place on Monday 22nd June 2009 at 5-30pm. This year's keynote speaker will be Professor Jan Fook and her subject will be "Using Critical Reflection to Understand Practice".

The event is free of charge but by ticket only; the lecture will be held at the Paisley campus. Further details will be provided when you receive your confirmation of booking.

To reserve your place please e-mail either: Michele.McCutcheon@uws.ac.uk or Janine.Docherty@uws.ac.uk For further information [click here](#).

Maximising Transfer of Learning into the Workplace

There are still a couple of places left on the 29th July workshop. If you are interested in attending please email caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk ASAP remaining places will be allocated on a first come basis.

As a reminder this one-day programme will explore the conditions which are necessary to maximise transfer of learning into practice so that trainers and managers can be sure they are getting best value from training and development activity. The programme for the day is based on research into enhancing learning transfer across a range of industries, and will examine how this can be applied to learning and development activity in social services

The objectives for the day are:

- To examine research evidence relevant to Learning and Development
- To identify how this evidence can improve transfer of learning into practice
- To explore the role of managers in transfer of learning
- To review an improved model for programme evaluation.

You should come to this event if you are involved in facilitating or managing employee development. It will be facilitated by Kate Skinner who has been involved in some of the research in this area.

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

Learning Network **West's** training facility is available and will try to accommodate your needs where possible. Should you wish to run a one day event or use our premises over a longer period of time, come along and see our facilities. Our premises are located at the Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley.

Tea/coffee

Our main Training room can comfortably hold up to 35 delegates depending on layout.

We also have 2 break out rooms which can hold 8 to 10 people for small discussions.

Lunches can be arranged at an extra cost.

Our rates are very competitive and include:

- Audio/loop systems
- Laptop/projector facilities
- DVD/Video
- Flipcharts
- White boards

If you wish to enquiry about prices, dates etc. please contact

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