



Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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Welcome to our May E-bulletin

Welcome to our 5th e-bulletin of the year. Learning Network West hopes to 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.

Forthcoming Local Learning Network Events and Meetings

Argyll & Bute Friday 19th June, 10.15am Social Work Training Room, Lochgilhead
Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway, Friday 3rd July, 11am, Cumnock Town Hall, Glazier Street.
Inverclyde Friday 10th July, 9.30am 7 ½ Wood Street, Port Glasgow.
Lanarkshires Thursday 6th August, 9.30am venue TBC
East Renfrewshire (pending) await further information.
To confirm attendance contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk

Reminder of the other events, it's not too late to book a place

Continuous Learning Framework Information Session

Are you interested in finding out more about the CLF and what it can do for you and your organisation? Come along on the 19th May, 11am till 2.30pm Learning Network West offices

West Dunbartonshire Local Practitioner Learning Network Conference Wednesday 10th June, 10am Loch Lomond & The

Trossachs National Park Authority. [Click here](#) for programme

Kinship Care and Effective Practice Event, Thursday 18th June, Learning Network West Office, Paisley. [Click here](#) for programme.

Inverclyde Passport to Social Services Practice Places are still available for June and July.

For further information and to book a place contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk

Maximising Transfer of Learning into the Workplace

Have you ever wondered how effective your training events really are? Do you sometimes think that your staff could have learnt more had the course been structured differently? What support do learners need to ensure that they maximise their learning? Learning Network West is running a workshop to look at transfer of learning.

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.

The day will be run from **9.30 am – 4.30 pm on 22nd June** in Network West's training suite. For a place, contact Caty McColgan caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk at this office.

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News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

SWIA Performance Inspection West Dunbartonshire Council 2009 Report on the performance inspection of West Dunbartonshire Council's social work services. [Full report](#) and [summary](#).

Getting it Right To help applicants fill in their application forms some staff from the SSSC Registry team have put together a short film. "**Getting it right**" guides applicants through the form and encourages registrants to use the guidance and the Registry helpline: 0845 60 30 891 (option 1). [Click here](#) to access film and guidance. SSSC would like to hear your comments, please email enquiries@sssc.uk.com

Are you already registered and looking to pay your renewal or annual fee? You can now pay your annual and renewal fees online, by Direct Debit, by cheque or postal order or over the telephone. Please [click here](#) to find out more or telephone the SSSC Registration Team on 0845 60 30 891 (option 1).

Voting Age: An Older People Manifesto Counsel and Care has produced this older people's manifesto to present to the three main political parties in the lead up to the next general election. By talking with older people, their families and carers in different parts of the country, they have gathered the knowledge, ideas and aspirations of older people, and found out from them at first hand what they need and want to live better lives. [Click here](#) to view.

Strengthening for the Future: The Reform of the Children's Hearings System This summary identifies some of the key themes emerging from the responses to the consultation and provides an overview of levels of support for the proposals. It is a presentation of the views of respondents, sorted by question, summarised as accurately and faithfully as possible [click here](#)

Towards a Mentally Flourishing Scotland Though it is not under the sole control of the Scottish Government, mental health improvement is a key area for Government action. This action plan explains how we will build on their existing success from now until 2011 and beyond, by focusing on strategic priorities for action as well as on the infrastructure support and coordination which the Government will put in place to help facilitate implementation and support delivery. [Click here](#) to view.

SAMH launches Get Active: Positive Steps for Mental Health SAMH, Scotland's leading mental health charity, has launched a new national programme which asks people across Scotland to 'Get Active' to improve their mental health and wellbeing. The campaign invites both young and old to change their destiny and in doing so, leave a positive legacy for future Scots. How? By getting active. [Read more](#)

Independent Inquiry into the Abuse at Kerelaw Residential School and Secure Unit Jointly commissioned report by the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council of the Independent Inquiry into Abuse at Kerelaw Residential School and Secure Unit, [Click here](#) to view.

Experiences of the Early Implementation of the Mental Health (Care & Treatment) (Scotland) Act, 2003: A Cohort Study These research findings summarise the report exploring the experiences of service users, their carers, and a range of service professionals living and working with the new Act and compare experiences of the new Act with expectations expressed prior to the implementation of the new Act. The report identifies a number of issues for future development of mental health law and the involvement of service users. [Click here](#) to view. [Click here](#) to view Full Report.

Funding and Support for Training: A guide for providers of Scottish social services 2009— The SSSC has produced this guide which provides information on sources of funding and support activities currently available for organisations delivering social services in Scotland such as employers, employees, stakeholder organisations and those commissioning services. [Click here](#) to view.

The Facilitative Trainer, A Two day facilitation skills programme for trainers, Learning Network West's offices

Adopting a facilitative approach is a potent means of ensuring a training event achieves its objectives. Employing facilitation skills increases the success of training, generates greater and more active participation and supports group members to learn more effectively.

Programme objective

To develop individual's knowledge, skills and confidence in delivering training using a facilitative approach.

Benefits

By the end of the two day programme participants will have:

- increased confidence and impact as a trainer
- enhanced competence and assurance in using a facilitative approach when training
- a tool kit to use when designing and delivering training
- an opportunity to reflect on training practice and consider how facilitative approaches can enhance effectiveness. Participants will also receive a programme handbook and a Kinharvie Institute Certificate. [Click here](#) to access programme. To book a place on this **free** course contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk.

Dates: 29/30 June, 6/7 July, 9/10 July, 15/16th September, 15/16 October, 26/27 October. Places will be offered on a first come first serve basis. **Location:** Learning Network West's offices.

Tell Someone—Implementing the Adult Support and Protection Act (Scotland) 2007—Training For Trainers Sessions

The Scottish Government has introduced new legislation to protect people from being harmed; it is called the **Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) 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.

The accompanying [Information & Guidance](#), [Dates & Venues](#) and [Application Form](#) clarify how this is to be done and it also invites your organisation to apply for a place on the series of Training the Trainers courses which will be run throughout Scotland in June, August and September.

We hope you are able to participate in supporting the implementation of this important legislation.

Courses are free, if you wish further information contact Rona Montagneux on 07711 404017 or email admin@workforceinitiative.co.uk.

PAMIS -Invasive Procedures Conference: Breaking barriers and achieving control for people with profound & complex disabilities Thursday 11th June, Dundee

This conference is essentially for family and paid carers/professionals working in the learning disability field. Including professionals from:

- National Health Service
- Local Authority Services
- Education Providers
- Trade Union Representatives
- Residential Service Providers - voluntary and private sector
- Respite Services

- Advocacy Services
- Discussion at the conference will contribute to the development of planned expert consensus guidelines on invasive procedures.

Date: Thursday, 11 June 2009
Venue: West Park Conference Centre, University of Dundee, Scotland

Cost: £90 per person (includes lunch) To find out more about this conference go to the link below <http://tinyurl.com/PAMIS-invasive-procedures>

Reminder—Scottish Care at Home Annual Conference Exhibition and Award Dinner Glasgow Marriott Hotel, Friday 29 May 2009

Scottish Care at Home will hold their Annual Conference & Care Awards on Friday 29th May 2009.

within the Care at Home sector. To view the programme, book a place and find out fees click on link

http://www.scottishcare.org/docs/SCAH_A4_Conf_Flyer_29th_May_2009_Final.pdf

This conference will review current developments

Dementia Awareness Week Conference 2009, Let's get personal—personalisation and dementia, 1&2 June 2009, Edinburgh Marriot Hotel

Putting people with dementia and their carers in control and helping them get the best possible quality of life - from diagnosis right through to end of life care.

improving end of life care.

Most importantly this conference will provide information which can be applied in practice and also provide an excellent meeting place for networking opportunities and for obtaining information resources.

This conference will address best practice in dementia services and how to make services fit better with people's lives. It will challenge participants to think about dementia services in new ways, right from support after diagnosis through to

For more information and to book a place click on link <http://www.alzscot.org/pages/daw-conference-2009.htm>

Self Harm in Children and Young People, 4th June Glasgow Royal Concert hall

Self harm is more common than people realise. A national survey of children and adolescents carried out in the community found that 5 per cent of boys and 8 per cent of girls aged 13-15 years said that they had, at some time, tried to harm, hurt or kill themselves.

the University of Glasgow Faculty of Medicine and Penumbra, this conference will also provide you with an excellent opportunity to network with other professionals and to take away good practice information which can be applied in your work setting.

This conference has been designed to suit a multi-disciplinary audience and will increase your understanding and knowledge on self harm in children and young people. Organised in joint partnership by

Cost £185 including lunch and refreshments. Click on link for further details.

http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_106533_en.pdf

Disability: Improving understanding, awareness & examining the Westminster Agenda in Scotland 15th June, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh

Westminster and Holyrood are both looking to change legislation in order to bring more equality to the lives of those living with a disability as a series of proposed reforms make their way through Westminster and key legislation passing through Holyrood. However, are these legislative changes bringing us closer to equality or moving the goalposts further away? What will changes mean to those who live and work with a disability in Scotland? What will any new proposals passed mean for those who develop and implement equality practices? What must be done on ground level to change societal attitudes towards those living with a

disability and how can this be achieved?

This must-attend Holyrood conference will discuss key issues facing the equality movement and the strive for equal opportunities for disabled people in Scotland. Speakers will examine what must change in society in order to achieve this goal and what those in public, private and third sector organisations must do to ensure they are delivering their own promises, and legal requirements, for equal opportunities

To be book a place and for further information click on link <http://conferences.holyrood.com/content/view/1115/142/>

MSc/Diploma/Certificate in Social Work Management Glasgow School of Social Work, University of Strathclyde

Applications are invited for this course. This post graduate programme offers busy social work managers a flexible, challenging and professionally relevant course. The programme is recognised by the Scottish Social Services Council. Entry qualifications are first degree or professional qualifications and/or experience deemed equivalent. Application packs are available by contacting Pamela McDaid, Course Administrator at p.mcdaid@strath.ac.uk, or ringing her on 0141 950 3581. Additional course information can be accessed via their web address using the following link: <http://www.strath.ac.uk/gssw/gsswcourses/mscinsocialworkmanagement/> Closing date for application 29 May 2009.

First Edition of the West Dunbartonshire Local Practitioners Learning Network Newsletter

The first edition of the Newsletter was issued at the end of March and has been circulated widely through the West Dunbartonshire Area. [Click here](#) to view.

wish to submit an article, advertisement or have any general issues that you would like to raise contact,

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The editorial team are now looking for new articles for their next edition. If you



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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.

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

Lunches can be arranged at an extra cost.

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

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