



Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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Welcome to our October 09 E-bulletin

Welcome to our 10th 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.

Local Learning Network/Local Practitioners Forums Mtgs

Area	Date	Time	Location
Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway	4th December	11am	Cumnock Town Hall
Inverclyde	13th November	9.30am	T.B.A
East Dunbartonshire	24th November	9.30am	Omnia Bldg, Bishopbriggs 2TQ
West Dunbartonshire	4th November	9.30am	Levenvalley Enterprise
Glasgow	3rd November	9.30am	Mitchell Library, Stirling Rm. 1st Floor
Lanarkshires	3rd December	9.30am	St Andrew's Hospice

To confirm attendance on any of the above meetings please contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk.

For 2010 LLN meeting dates [click here](#). Times, venues and topics will be confirmed and uploaded to Local Learning pages of our website shortly.

Who cares in West Dunbartonshire? Thursday 5th November, Carrochan Building, Balloch

It's not too late to book a place, this event is for people who use services and carers. It will be hosted by West Dunbartonshire Local Practitioner Learning Network on 5th November in Carrochan, Balloch. [Click here](#) to find out more. To book a place contact Margaret.blair@westlearn.org.uk or tel: 0141 848 1500.

Pulling together, pooling resources in Inverclyde Friday 20th November, Inverclyde

This one day event will focus on four key topics – Personalisation, Liverpool Care Pathway Continuous Learning Framework and Citizen Leadership. To book a place contact Margaret.blair@westlearn.org.uk or tel: 0141 848 1500. [Click here](#) for more information.

Pulling Together, Pooling Resources 25th November, Hamilton Fire Station.

Social worker? Home care provider? Social care worker? Student? Carer? Nursing home provider? Volunteer? If you work in the Social Services sector (or want to find out more about the sector) you can't afford to miss this day [click here](#) for flier. To book a place contact Margaret.blair@westlearn.org.uk or tel: 0141 848 1500.

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News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

Social Care TV—Social Care TV is a new online channel for everyone involved in the social care sector, from managers to front-line staff, trainers to people who use care services. As part of the Social Care Institute for Excellence's (SCIE) family of resources, Social Care TV brings to life the work and lives of people involved in all aspects of the social care sector, through a series of short films and links to multi-media and e-learning resources. This site offers access to video based training resources and general interest programmes, reflecting the issues, challenges and rewards in current social care practice. The project is run by SCIE and has several innovative features [click here](#) to access the site.

Get Skilled - issue three now available—The third edition of Get Skilled, looks at how the Sector Skills Agreement was developed and implemented for the Scottish social services sector. The Sector Skills Agreement makes sure the training resources and funding are directed at the priority skills needs for the sector. Click on link for a copy of [Get Skilled - issue three](#). Click on link [sector skills agreement](#) section of the SSSC website for more information on Get Skilled and to download previous issues.

Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) is working in partnership with **Skills for Care**, who support the adult social work workforce, and the GSCC who regulate social work education and training. Support is provided to employers to ensure that people studying for a social work degree get a high quality experience of practical social work, and that social workers get high quality continuing professional development opportunities. More information about this work can be found at www.practicelearning.org.uk

Common Housing Registers Developing a Best Practice Guide Research Finding—In September 2008, the Scottish Government commissioned ODS Consulting to develop a new guide for practitioners on developing and maintaining a Common Housing Register (CHR). Drawing on the growing experience in Scotland around CHR development and management the new guide aims to give practical advice based on what works best. The guide drew on the experience of 14 CHR Partnerships in Scotland, identifying experiences and lessons learned (and also looked in detail at one landlord working across CHR Partnerships). This short report summarises how the guide was developed. [Click here](#)

SSSC Autumn Newsletter [click here](#) to view.

The Evidence Base for Third Sector Policy in Scotland— A Review of Selected Recent Literature/Research Findings - This report provides an overview of the evidence dealing with the third sector in Scotland. It focuses on the contribution of the third sector to the Scottish Government's five Strategic Objectives. [Click here](#) to read report. [Click here](#) to access Research Findings.

Private Sector Workforce Initiative - To find out more on the latest events, news and guidelines [click here](#).

Consultation events on qualification requirements for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council for managers of care at home services

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) will start registering managers of a care at home service from December 2010 and will consult with the sector before publishing the qualifications criteria for these workers. The consultation is from Monday 2 November 2009 - Monday 18 January 2010.

A series of consultation events will provide an opportunity for you to give your views about the function of a care at home manager, the qualifications needed to carry out the work as well as comment on related issues. The events will be of particular interest to providers and managers of care at home services. **The events are being held in November and December.**

For more information on the events and how to book a place please download the [event flyer](#) or visit the SSSC website.

Dave Hingsburger, 17th November, Helensburgh, 18th & 19th November, Glasgow

There are still a few places left. Dave Hingsburger is a Canadian author and lecturer who is internationally acclaimed for his work on sexuality, sexual rights and ethical care provision with people who have a developmental disability. Learning Network West are happy to welcome Dave back to Scotland and will be hosting 3 events; Tuesday 17th November - Helensburgh and Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th November, Glasgow, there will be a charge of £25, this includes lunch. To book a place contact margaret.blair@westlearn.org.uk or 0141 848 1500. If you require further information contact Julie.Thomson@westlearn.org.uk. All nominations should be sent by close of play 6th November 2009.

Connect in Care, November 2009

Connect in Care would like to invite you to attend one of their events being held in five different locations across Scotland. The purpose of these events is to reach as many people as possible to offer training in using techniques to develop practice when working with older people.

These half day events will be held in November 2009 in Dundee, Edinburgh, Inverness, Shetland & Lanarkshire. For further information [click here](#). The events are FREE but places are limited, so if you wish to attend, please complete the online booking form as soon as possible at: <http://www.cfr.ac.uk/events/cicbooking.html>

Opportunities for Post-Qualifying Study at Masters level, Glasgow Caledonian University

There are three modules available in January, 2010 (subject to demand) that would offer a starting point in Masters level study:

- Research and Evaluation for Practice Learning (15 credits)
- Culture and Behaviour in Teams (15 credits)
- Ethical Decision Making in Social Work (15 credits)

[Click here](#) for more information on modules.

Through this [link](#) you can access the 'Post

Qualifying Study Opportunities for Social Workers' booklet which gives examples of 'pathways' to a Masters degree.

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).

Workforce Development Network Event - 10th November 2009, Glasgow, Mitchell Library

The winter 2009 Workforce Development Network will focus on the following topics:

- The Continuous Learning Framework
- Qualifications Requirements for Care at Home Managers (Consultation)
- Care Accolades

To find out more or to book a place [click here](#).

Leading the Way (Effective Engagement) and Citizen Leadership training events in Glasgow and Ayrshire

Practical ways to support the participation of service users and carers in social work education and training.

This event provides an opportunity to look at good practice in relation to involving people who use services and their carers in Social Work Education and services.

This event is for those involved in Social Work Education and Training. This might include Curriculum Managers / Course leaders Training managers, Trainers and People who use services and their families

Further information as follows:

[Flier](#)
[Booking Form](#)
[Programme](#)

What is the event about?

Caring for Older People, Caring for Themselves, 23 November, Edinburgh

Following on from last year's successful Holyrood magazine conference on Caring for Older People, this year's conference will offer an opportunity to put forward an agenda for older people which addresses not only care issues, but highlights the positive contributions that older people can, and do, make throughout Scotland. With the future certainty of an increase in population of older people in Scotland, this timely event will explore the essential services that we provide for older people. To find out more and to book a place click on link— [Book online](#)

ARC UK and United Response—Free Training, 12 November

Funded through the Financial Services Authority, ARC UK and United Response have developed new materials to help people with a learning disability to plan for their future.

WHAT IS IT?

This is a set of materials in the form of a website, guidebook and training programme. The "Moving On, Planning Ahead package takes individuals through information about living independently and what this really means. This includes how individuals will pay for things that might be needed, the support and benefits available.

WHO IS THE TRAINING FOR?

The "Train the Trainer" sessions are for any staff who are currently, or who will be, working with people with a learning disability who are moving on and planning ahead now and in the future. The course takes workers through the trainers manual giving additional information and advice about how best to deliver this course and support to individuals with a learning disability to enable them to plan ahead.

HOW CAN I ACCESS THE TRAINING?

ARC Scotland will be delivering this FREE for the first time on 12th November at their premises in Eskbank, Midlothian. Due to space limitations the places available are limited to 10. There will be one place only allocated per organisation on this introductory session.

Thereafter, they will deliver the training around Scotland in response to demand. The charge per person will normally be in the region of £125.

To reserve a place please phone Muriel on 0131 663 4444 or email muriel.mcleod@arcuk.org.uk

The Facilitative Trainer Network 10th December 2009

Have you attended the Facilitative Trainer training? If so, we want to hear how it has influenced your practice and how you use what you learned .

The ultimate aim of this network is to develop a toolkit of training experience and resources.

The day, 10th December, it will start at 9.30am and finish with lunch 12.15pm.

We are keen to develop a network of Facilitative Trainers and would like to invite you to attend a half day sharing session in our office in Paisley.

If this sounds like it would be of interest please contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk to confirm your attendance.



Charlie Allan—East
Ayrshire Council

The Facilitative Trainer, an article by Charlie Allan—East Ayrshire Council

For all of you out there who are involved in any kind of training role, I can highly recommend a free course run by the Scottish Social Services Learning Network [West](#). This is a two-day course examining the role of the trainer as a facilitator.

Best and worst practice of a facilitative trainer Behaviours and strategies of a facilitative trainer.

Employing facilitation skills helps increase the success of training events, generates greater and more active participation and supports group members to learn more effectively. This course will help develop your knowledge, skills and confidence in delivering training using a facilitative approach and is equally beneficial to both those who are new or inexperienced trainers as well as those who are more experienced.

You will also be provided with the tools and techniques to assist you to design and deliver an effective event. It will also provide you with all manner of tips, tricks and 'eye opening' insights to help you deal with the numerous issues which regularly crop up in training events which previously you may not have managed effectively.

The programme covers topics such as:

The two days are very relaxed and enjoyable and are designed to increase your confidence and impact as a trainer and also enhance your competence and assurance, especially when using this approach. So, if within your role you are required to participate in the delivery of any kind of training to staff and are keen to develop your skills to ensure an 'effective as possible' learning experience for your staff, then I would urge you consider attending this course. You won't regret it!

What is facilitative training?

The role of the facilitative trainer

Foundation stones for facilitative trainers

Understanding the distinction between content (the what), process (the how) and emotion (the who)



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

Learning Network [West's](#) training facility is available to hire. If you wish to run a one day event or use our premises over a longer period of time we will be happy to assist. Our premises are located at the Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley, we are conveniently situated for public transport and parking is available.

White boards

Tea/coffee

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

We also have two small break out rooms which can hold a maximum of 8 to 10 people.

Lunches can be arranged at an extra cost.

Our rates are very competitive and include:

Audio/loop systems

Laptop/projector facilities

DVD/Video

Flipcharts

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

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