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Welcome to the eighth edition of our e-bulletin. Thanks to everyone who has emailed with news stories, and comments and suggestions.

If you have any information or ideas for the Bulletin please contact [Rhiannon Williams](#), Communications Assistant at Eastern Development Centre – contact details later. If you have any difficulty accessing this bulletin or its contents please contact us so that we can help.

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Regional News

New service directory developed for service-user groups in your region

The Together organisation has developed an online directory listing service-user groups that exist in the regions around the country. Our region's Experts by Experience group is included in the directory and it is a useful tool for those looking for support and networking opportunities.

 [Click here to view the directory](#)



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National News

Research for Patient Benefit Programme

The National Institute for Health Research has issued information about its forthcoming call for the Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme. The RfPB programme will allocate up to £25 million each year to research that focuses on the way the NHS provides its health services and whether the services are effective and provide value for money. The programme will be investigator led and is open to all researchers in England. Funding will be made available to all regions of England in proportion to their population and will be distributed through ten regional committees. The programme's first open call will be advertised by the NIHR in early August 2006.

 [Click here to find out more about the programme](#)

Urgent call for research applications - evaluating the experience of adult survivors of violence and abuse within the mental health system

A project is being undertaken by the Care Services Improvement Partnership and the National Institute for Mental Health in England evaluating the experience of adult survivors of violence and abuse within the mental health system. This is a Mental Health Trusts Collaboration Project, working jointly with adult survivors of violence and abuse. There is an urgent call for research applications to take part in this project.

 [Click here for more information and how to apply](#)

Comic Relief small grants for user led mental health groups

Are you a local group run by people with experience of mental health problems? Are you trying to bring about better mental health services or to improve people's attitudes to mental health issues? Do you need money for your running costs like rent, bills and travel? If so then read on! Comic Relief is offering small grants (up to £5,000) to support user-led mental health groups who can help people with mental health problems to get their voices heard and campaign for change.

 [Click here for the flyer](#)

 [Click here for more information on the Comic Relief website](#)

Independent Living – a discussion paper

Independent living is at the heart of the Disability Rights Commission's (DRC) existing and future agendas. This discussion paper concerns two specific priorities outlined in the DRC's publication '*Changing Britain for good – putting disability at the heart of public policy*': ensuring no one is obliged to live in an institution or particular living arrangement against their will; and securing rights and entitlements which facilitate independent living across the life course.

 [Click here to read the document](#)

 [Click here to access the Disability Debate website](#)

Are you making a meal of it?

As part of their Food and Mental Health campaign, the Mental Health Foundation is asking people to take part in their 'Making a meal of it' survey. They want to find out what goes on in kitchens across the UK. Do you look forward to preparing dinner, or do you find it a chore? Have you been cooking for years, or have you just discovered the joys of being a chef? And what do you think about mealtimes? Are they an opportunity to get together, or just a necessary fact of life? Do you eat in front of the television, or sit down at the table? Do you fancy yourself as a bit of a Delia Smith or Jamie Oliver, or do you prefer to leave the cooking to the professionals and dine out? Take part in the survey and you can win food vouchers to the value of £50. The results of the survey will be launched on World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2006.

 [Click here to fill in the questionnaire](#)

Fair for All – Pilot sites

Fair For All - Disability (a strategic partnership developed by the Scottish Executive Health Department and the Disability Rights Commission) is currently carrying out pilot projects with four designated health boards in Scotland. The projects will test the relevance and suitability of draft guidance on implementing the access to goods and services provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act. The guidance will be tested in a range of health services. The Fair For All - Disability initiative aims to encourage health practitioners and managers to strive for best practice that goes beyond compliance with the law. The initiative also promotes the rights, independence, choice and inclusion of disabled people as health service users and members of the community.

 [Click here to read updates about the pilot projects](#)

SCIE identifies significant disparities in carer participation

The opportunities for carers to influence the services that affect them can depend entirely on the cultures of their local authorities and primary care trusts. In a new position paper *Working together: Carer participation in England, Wales and Northern Ireland*, the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has identified that while 'carer participation' has been on many agendas for some time, there is a lack of definition or any shared understanding of what it should actually mean.

 [Click here to read the paper](#)

Government publish proposals to close the 'Bournewood Gap'

People who lack capacity will benefit from new safeguards under detailed proposals published by the Department of Health. The proposals are aimed at closing the 'Bournewood Gap', which arises when people who lack capacity to consent and need to receive care or treatment in circumstances that amount to a deprivation of liberty - such as some people with severe dementia or autism - these people have previously been "detained" under the common law, rather than under the Mental Health Act, and so do not have sufficient legal safeguards or protection. This topic relates to the Legislation programme that Lou Brewster now leads at CSIP Eastern. Keep an eye on our website for more information as this work progresses.

 [Click here to read the full press release](#)



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CSIP Eastern Development Centre Update

The new look *EastForward* is here!!

Over the last few months we have been re-vamping *EastForward* to make it more focused and with more in-depth articles from stakeholders in the region. The magazine which was launched nearly five years ago, now reaches over 5000 readers in the region. We want to ensure that it continues to provide readers with up-to-date, useful information about new initiatives and mental health news from around the Eastern Region. The new look *EastForward* now features stories of recovery, write ups of conferences and events that have taken place, job profiles of people working in the area of mental health, and much more! We hope that you will enjoy the new look and as ever we are grateful for your feedback.

 If you would like to be put on the mailing list for *EastForward* then please email [Rhiannon Williams](mailto:Rhiannon.Williams@eastern.csip.org.uk) specifying if you would like a hard copy or it sent by email.



PROGRESS 2006 – 21 September 2006, Newmarket

The essential annual event for all those working to achieve progress in the East of England

Building on the successes of PROGRESS 2003, 2004 & 2005, PROGRESS 2006 will be an even bigger event with around 800 delegates attending from across the region. The key features of this year are: PROGRESS 2006 Awards; VIP Keynote Speakers; Complementary Therapies; Exhibitions; Drama Workshops; Music & Dance; Interactive Workshops and Progress Workshops. There are opportunities to attend PROGRESS as a delegate, exhibitor or as a workshop organiser. Keep an eye on our website for updates about PROGRESS www.eastern.csip.org.uk/progress2006

 [Click here for more information and to download the registration forms](#)

Event Feedback: Developing Socially Inclusive Practice in Community Mental Health Teams in the Eastern Region

Feedback of the above event held at Bluntisham Village Hall, near Huntingdon on the 19 April 2006 is now available to view on our website.

 [Click here to read the feedback](#)

Equal Partners 2006

CSIP Eastern are now taking applications for Equal Partners 2006, which offers an exciting opportunity for organisational and partnership development. This programme, based on the prestigious Trailblazers course which was positively evaluated when we ran it in 2005, will explore innovative ways of using education and training to develop integrated working between the voluntary and statutory sectors in the health and social care sector.

 [Click here for more information](#)

 [Click here to download the application pack](#)

Colchester MIND artwork display

CSIP Eastern is currently hosting a display of artwork by Colchester Mind's art group, which is due to run until the end of the year. The display has been very well received and two pieces of artwork have been bought by development centre staff and visitors. A member of Colchester Mind staff emphasised the importance of the exhibition and the sales, saying that the artist had been going through a low period and found the sale of their pieces to be a positive boost.

 [Contact Laura Stimson for more information](#)

Commissioning services from Third Sector providers

As part of the CSIP Eastern commissioning work stream, a conference was held in May to explore the opportunities and challenges presented by the government's goal of opening up the care services market to voluntary organisations and social enterprises - the Third Sector. Delegates to the conference were invited to identify some of the issues that would benefit from the support of the Development Centre. We are looking for commissioners and providers who might like to work together as a Third Sector Commissioning Collaborative - a group that could develop good practice to be shared around the region. Interested in finding out more and getting involved?

 [Click here to find out more information](#)

 [Click here to contact Ian Hartley – Voluntary Sector Commissioning Fellow](#)



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Events

Health Protection 2006 Conference – 11-13 September 2006, Warwick University

With topics ranging from pandemic flu to the health response to the Buncefield fire, from *Clostridium difficile* to sexually transmitted infections, and from TB to port health, the Health Protection 2006 conference has something for all health professionals and colleagues from partner organisations working in public health, hospitals, infection control, environmental health, emergency planning, laboratories and universities.

 [Click here for more information and to book](#)

Building Community Networks – 20 September 2006, London

Community involvement, relationships and friendships are a high priority for people with learning disabilities. This event brings people together who want to: increase the ability of communities to welcome and include people with learning disabilities; develop a network of professionals, families and self-advocates to promote real change and share information about innovation, over-coming barriers and making real progress.

 [Click here for more information and to register](#)

“I’VE GOT A JOB”: A Conference organised by the Eastern Region Partnership and the Valuing People Support Team - 27 September 2006, Wyboston

‘Young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities (LDD) have the same right as their peers to work.’ Being held on the 27 September at Wyboston, this important conference will set out to establish the principle that work is a normal expectation for this group of young people and to explore and develop good practice in helping them achieve this goal. It will build on the ‘Routes to Employment’ event held in July 2004 and update on progress that has happened in the last two years.

 [Click here for the flyer and registration form](#)

Building Sustainable Communities through Partnership: Tackling Social Exclusion – 17 October 2006, London

The Government recently set out the next steps for its drive to tackle deep-seated disadvantage. Its priority is to reach the one million people at risk of persistent social exclusion, who have not yet benefited from opportunities the majority of people can now take for granted. The Action Plan, expected this autumn, will set out how the Government will reach the most excluded in society and will focus on key groups, such as the unemployed, children in poverty and the homeless. With social exclusion being one of the key over-arching challenges facing the whole of society, participants at this Westminster Briefing conference will have the opportunity to discuss the key issues and debate the way forward.

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Useful Resources

New Directory of Service Improvement

This new directory brings together the wealth of generic tools and techniques used to support service improvement. Service Improvement Leads from across the country have contributed to its development. The directory provides detailed information on methodologies, networks, exercises, ice-breakers and energizers. It is a virtual tool available to access online and is supported by a flyer for workshops that are available from Development Centres.

 [Click here to access the directory \(www.csip.org.uk/serviceimprovementdirectory \)](http://www.csip.org.uk/serviceimprovementdirectory)

 [Click here to contact Ruth Kent at the Eastern Development Centre to ask for the accompanying flyers.](#) Or call her on 01206 287544



Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) summer newsletter

The summer edition of the DDA Newsletter contains a wide assortment of articles ranging from the Phase 2 action research projects, through to Democracy and Disability in Nepal and a report on 'Theories of Learning and Adults with Learning Difficulties'. These are just a few of the articles featured in this year's summer edition.

 [Click here to read the newsletter and access past copies](#)

Other Bulletins of Interest

We add to our other bulletins of interest page regularly, including bulletins and newsletters that you may find informative and useful. New additions at present include :

- National Personality Disorder Website Bulletin
- Valuing People Support Team Newsletter.

Please get in contact if you would like us to include your bulletin or newsletter in this section.

 [Click here to access the 'Other Bulletins of Interest' page](#)

 [Click here to request your bulletin or newsletter is included](#)

A stronger local voice: A framework for creating a stronger local voice in the development of health and social care services

A Stronger Local Voice sets out the Government's plans for the future of patient and public involvement in health and social care. These plans include the establishment of Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) which will replace patient forums. LINKs will work with existing voluntary and community sector groups, as well as interested individuals to promote public and community influence in health and social care. The package of plans is designed to promote the importance of user and public involvement at all levels of the health and social care system, and to create a system which enables more people to become involved and have their voices heard.

 [Click here to read the document on the Department of Health website](#)

Disability Discrimination Act newsletter

This is the final newsletter of the DDA project and it brings with it very mixed emotions. The final Phase 2 action research project meeting was indeed a celebration of achievement and a testimony to the commitment and effort of all concerned. Many people described the day as 'inspirational'. Then there are those outputs available for the benefit of all – and they are many and varied from leaflets and briefings, to project and site reports numbering more than 100 items. There are more to come as the Phase 2 projects report.

 [Click here to read the newsletter](#)

Other information about the Eastern Development Centre

We are currently running the following programmes of work (in alphabetical order):

- Children and Families (including Change for Children and the National CAMHS Support Service) – **Tracey Cogan 01206 287586**
- Health and Social Care in Criminal Justice – **Rob Jayne & Amanda Hawkins 01206 287578**
- Learning and Improvement Networks – **Paul O'Halloran 01206 287594**
- Learning Disabilities (Valuing People Support Team, VPST) – **Simon Whitehead 01449 616187**
- Mental Health (National Institute for Mental Health in England, NIMHE) – **Susannah Rix 01206 287578**
- Older People and Physical Disabilities (Change Agent Team, CAT that includes Integrated Community Equipment Services) – **Angie Glew & Yve White-Smith**
- Adult Social Care – **Amanda Reynolds 07775 631510**

 [To download a copy of our 2005/06 Mental Health Prospectus, click here](#)

 For access to our website click on the link: <http://www.eastern.csip.org.uk/>

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