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Welcome to the ninth 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

‘When Time Collapses’ – Free drama performances in Peterborough and Cambridge

This innovative play shows the impact of Schizophrenia on families and will take place on Friday 22 September. Scene one shows one family’s experiences of dealing with the consequences of late intervention and inappropriate treatment. Scene two looks at how it should be a first opportunity to see the collaborative effort to create a better case scenario. It doesn’t have to be the disaster portrayed in scene one, but can be reconstructed into a smooth transition through the early stages of first-onset psychosis.

 [Click here for more information about the plays and for booking](#)

Be part of the national Carers Rights Day 2006 in our region!!

The national Carers Rights Day 2006 takes place on Friday 8 December. The aims of Carers Rights Day are to: increase take up of benefits available to carers and their families; ensure that carers access their rights under relevant legislation; raise awareness of the needs of carers; help individuals recognise themselves as carers; increase older carers take-up of Pension Credit. In the past people have done various activities to convey the messages such as distributing information in their local area, having an information stand in a local supermarket, teaming up with the Pensions Service, social services, local health bodies and the Benefits Agency to hold advice sessions, and much more. You can get involved this year and help out in our region.

 [Click here for more information and how to register for an organisers pack](#)



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National News

CSIP Positive Practice Awards 2006 – call for entries!!

Now in their fourth year, the awards have been designed to recognise and reward the people, teams and organisations that provide mental health, wider care services and community-based support to promote positive health and wellbeing through a variety of means. As such, they are now sponsored by the Care Services Improvement Partnership and Department of Health, and designed for people working in health, social care and beyond, from the statutory, voluntary and private sectors. The closing date for applications is Friday 22 September 2006.

 [Click here for more information and details of how to apply for an award](#)

'Your Human Rights' – newly published guides by the British Institute of Human Rights

The British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) has just launched 'Your Human Rights' – a series of four plain English, non-technical guides focusing on the practical relevance of human rights in the UK. They are written directly for people living with mental health problems, disabled people, older people and refugees and asylum seekers who are in situations where they may need information on their human rights. They will also be useful for people working with these groups, or people who would like to know more about the impact of human rights on these groups. BIHR is keen to make sure that the guides reach the people that they are written for. Please contact BIHR on 020 7848 1818 or admin@bihr.org if you belong to an organisation that may be able to help distribute or publicise the guides. You can view and print off the guides from BIHR's website at www.bihr.org. You can also order printed copies by contacting BIHR using the above details. The guides are available free of charge.

Microsoft Community Learning Awards - nominations now open!

Do you represent a community group or charity that wants to actively help disadvantaged groups develop their IT skills? Could your organisation benefit from a £2,500 grant and software to be put towards an IT project? Citizens Online and Microsoft are joining forces for a fourth year to bring you The Microsoft Community Learning Awards (MCLA), recognising communities and charities that promote IT skills and access to those that might not have the same chances as others. This year they are making grants of £2,500 plus essential IT software to the 30 winning entrants. The awards are available to all community groups and registered charities throughout the UK that are seeking funding for IT skills projects for disadvantaged young people and adults in their area. This is your opportunity to say how your group would benefit from the grant and how it could help your community - with only 30 grants available and 400 expected entries, the more innovative your project, the better likelihood you have of winning an award!



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

Care Services Improvement Partnership and Social Care Institute for Excellence to work together

The Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP) and the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) this week signed an agreement to work together on social care issues to help improve the quality of services. The organisations formalised their partnership in order to make clear their firm commitment to share resources and expertise where the two organisations' work is complementary.



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

UKAN Training and Development Unit - new for 2006

UKAN (UK Advocacy Network) has developed a new training and information day providing participants with a comprehensive grounding in recent developments regarding legislation, advocacy and service commissioning. The session focuses on the following issues: Government plans to amend the Mental Health Act 1983; Government sponsored Mental Health advocacy initiatives; the Mental Capacity Act 2005; and Service Commissioning.



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[Click here for the UKAN website and details of how to book](#)



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CSIP Eastern Development Centre Update

CSIP Eastern's new look *EastForward* has arrived!

The new look *EastForward* magazine was published last week and has already been distributed to over 5000 people across the county. It is also available in most libraries in the county. We hope that you enjoy the new style and find it interesting, informative and useful. If you have any comments or suggestion for content then please contact Rhiannon Williams at rhiannon.williams@nemhpt.nhs.uk or 01206 287547. You can now access the magazine on our website.

 [Click here to download a PDF copy of *EastForward*](#)

Networks Event, 4 October 2006 - Red Lodge Millennium Centre, Bury St Edmunds

We will be holding the second CSIP Network event in the autumn and have started taking registrations for this. Please note that the date has changed and this will now be held on **4 October 2006**. The first CSIP Network took place on 7 June 2006 and we have posted the feedback and presentations from this event onto our website. <http://kc.nimhe.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=Item.viewResource&intItemID=97522>

 [Click here to register for the event](#)



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Events

Coming of age: 21 years of service user involvement and survivor action – 6 & 7 September 2006, Leicester

Twenty one years on from Mind's national conference in 1985, where service users were given an equal share of the platform for the first time, this conference has been devised, directed and will be totally comprised of delegates and speakers who are service users and survivors. As part of the celebrations to commemorate Mind's 60th anniversary (and their ongoing commitment to promoting the voice of service users), this conference is only for people who have had direct experience of mental distress. This is to ensure an opportunity to share views and network in a space where users and survivors from all backgrounds can come together without influence from service providers or decision-makers with no personal or direct experience of mental distress.

 [Click here for more information](#)



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 to share information about innovation, over-coming barriers and making real progress.

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

The 3rd Essex Primary Care Research Network Conference – 26 September 2006, Chelmsford

The event is aimed at healthcare professionals, researchers, those interested in clinical effectiveness issues, service commissioners and public health professionals... and anyone interested in Primary Care Research!

The focus of this year's Annual Conference is on research topics close to hearts and minds of multi-disciplinary primary care issues, entering a new era of commissioning, as well as on new opportunities and challenges faced by both researchers and the NHS.

You can also send in your nominations for Essex Researcher of the Year 2006 and the award will be announced at the conference.

 [Click here for more information and all the registration and nomination forms](#)

The Disability Equality Scheme: Implementing and Mainstreaming Disability Equality – 26 September 2006, London

The December 2006 deadline for completing your Disability Equality Scheme is fast approaching. The aim is to create a positive, proactive and equal public sector in which disabled individuals' needs are mainstreamed as part of the decision making process. Following on from the successful February conference, which highlighted the goals of the Disability Equality Duty, Capita's practical and timely conference will provide you with advice and guidance on overcoming problems in completing your Disability Equality Scheme and implementing it beyond December 2006. The conference will also highlight how Disability Equality can be embedded into the day to day working of your organisation.

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

Workshop of the Future Conference – 27 September 2006, Newmarket

Does your authority have the people and skills it needs to deliver its improvement ambitions? Chief Executives, Senior Managers, Senior HR and Trade Union colleagues who have a key role in shaping tomorrow's workforce in Local Authorities, Fire & Rescue Authorities & partner organisations are among those that are invited to attend this conference.

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



Space-East conference 2006: Entrenched or enlightened - Services delivery & commissioning in the East of England - 2 & 3 October 2006, the Cambridge Belfry, Cambourne

A two day annual conference on supported housing, homelessness and related social care services in the East of England. Topics include: Value Improvement; Financial Inclusion; Employability; Norfolk's Floating Support Consortium; Ex-offenders; Leading Change; Futurebuilders; Changing demographics and more.

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

Association for Real Change (ARC) Annual Conference: New Perspectives in Learning Disability – 31 October, 1 & 2 November 2006, Manchester

What's your view on where services are going? Do you understand what pressures are now driving major changes in the way services are designed and delivered in learning disability? Who will really be in control in the future? If you are a provider of any kind of services to people who have a learning disability, make sure that you clear your diary and attend the major UK annual conference for providers in the sector.

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

Ann Craft Trust Annual Conference: Mental Capacity Act – Preparing for Implementation – 23 November 2006, Nottingham

A one-day conference looking at the implications in practice of the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act. This conference will be of interest to all those working with vulnerable adults. The conference will include keynote presentations from Toby Williamson, Stakeholder and Communications Manager at the Department for Constitutional Affairs and Hazel Morgan, Co-Director of the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities.

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Useful Resources

Images of Disability website

A new website, which contains guidance about portraying disabled people in communications materials, was recently launched. The website is aimed primarily at communications professionals to provide them with support and guidance in producing effective and inclusive depictions of disabled people. It has been compiled through extensive consultation with the Images of Disability Steering Group¹ which includes representatives from the Disability Rights Commission, to ensure both accuracy of information and to gain support and input.

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

 [Click here to visit the website](#)

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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