



CARE PROVIDER E NEWS

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WELCOME

Welcome to our first issue of LWDP's E News. This is the start of regular communication with you and future editions will be sent regularly each month.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

We are holding our first careers fair on Tuesday 10th November at the Minster Church in Preston City Centre. The fair takes place between 1pm and 3.30pm and are focussed on people looking for a new career who are potentially looking to work in Social Care. The fair is being promoted under the headline "Who Cares?" We also hope it will encourage people to come along to get a better understanding of what it is like to work in the Social Care sector.

A number of Care Providers will be hosting stands at the fair with the aim of recruiting for vacant positions within their organisations.

The list of vacant positions posted on our website under the "Situations Vacant" section is being circulated at the event, so please continue to add any jobs you may have to the website. There are plans to hold further careers fair in the future so watch this space for more news.

A promotional banner for the 'Who Cares?' careers fair. The banner has a dark blue background with a lighter blue horizontal band across the middle. On the left, the LWDP logo is in the top left corner, and the text 'Who Cares?' is written in a large, white, cursive font. In the center, there are silhouettes of five people in various poses, colored in a light blue. Below each silhouette is a name and age: 'Bill aged 60 does', 'Sam aged 38 does', 'Nac aged 25 does', and 'Kelly aged 18 does'. On the right side, white text reads: 'Nearly 20% of the UK working population do, by having a career in care. Come and find out if you could care at LWDP's Careers Fair'. At the bottom of the banner, a dark orange band contains the text '1pm - 3.30pm Tuesday 10th November 2009 at The Minster Church, Preston City Centre' in white.

For more information please contact Natasha Furnell on 01772 761855.

EVENTS

The second annual **Stakeholder Event** took place on the 23rd September, at the Preston Marriott Hotel. The event was attended by 100 people who represented Care Providers, Service Users, Skills for Care, Local Authority, and Training Providers.

Using the information gained from the interactive sessions that took place along with comments and feedback on the day, we will build our future business plans in time for the next Stakeholder Event in March 2010. Overall feedback from the day was positive with most attendees completing a feedback form. A report covering the outcomes from the day will be posted on the internet later this month.

The Preston Marriott Hotel was again the venue for our **Celebration Event** which took place on the 6th October. The purpose of the evening was to recognise the training achievements of people who had undertaken and been involved in LWDP funded training over the last financial year. Congratulations again to all the winners who were recognised on the night, but also to everyone who received a nomination. To view some pictures from the night click the link below.

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CARE AMBASSADORS PROJECT

The Care Ambassador Project continues to recruit Care Ambassadors whose role it is to promote careers in Social Care based on their experience.

On Tuesday 3rd November, our first Drama Event took place at the Leyland Civic Centre where a group of professional drama actors and UCLAN drama students, illustrated how day to day family life can involve the need for services from Social Care providers. The event was designed to give a broader view of what working in Social Care can be like and the wide range of services involved. Students from a number of High Schools were invited and attended. The students participated in interactive sessions throughout the performance and a follow up lesson plan was taken back to the schools for them to complete.

For more information contact Sam Frankland on 01772 761855.

NMDS – SC

All Care Providers are continuing to complete their NMDS information via LancashirePlan. It is important that NMDS – SC is completed and kept up to date. If you require any further information or need help with completing your information, please call our team of Networkers on 01772 761855.

E LEARNING

We are pleased to announce our first E learning package, on the subject of swine flu. Based on a NHS prepared DVD, the session allows you to complete the training online and will be used to trial our e learning process. Future E learning packages will be available early next year and we will be writing to you with more details shortly.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We hope that you have found this first issue of E news useful and informative. Any suggestions and comments on what you would like to see in future issues would be welcomed so please contact us with your thoughts. Please email info@lwdp.org.uk with any comments.

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