

Newsflash 47: A brief update from the Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit:

Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit events, May / June 2007

	Morning (10.30am – 12.30pm)	Afternoon (1.15pm – 3.15pm)
Aberdeen – The Foyer (Tuesday 12 th June)	'Funding for training' roadshow - find out about key funding streams for learning and development within the voluntary sector.	'Innovative Induction' - Find out about the SSSC's new induction guidance, and share ideas on developing innovative induction programmes.
Stirling – Volunteer Development Scotland (Thursday 21 st June)	'Funding for training' roadshow - find out about key funding streams for learning and development within the voluntary sector.	-

'Funding for training' and the network events are open to all – please sign up for a half or full day as applicable. A lunch will be provided at all events. For more information and to sign up for these events click [here](#) or e-mail Laura Weir at vswu.admin@ccpscotland.org

Voluntary Sector Development Fund 2007/08

The Scottish Executive has announced details regarding this year's allocation of the Voluntary Sector Development Fund.

The priority for this year will be to assist the funding of the SSSC's Phase two registration requirements, mainly for Adult residential care workers, support workers in adult residential care and residential adult care staff with supervisory responsibilities. A proportion of funding will be set aside for staff required to register in phase one working in residential child care and for managers of care homes and day care services for adults. Only voluntary organisations who have received less than £20k to fund workers required to register in phase one or no contribution at all since the Fund was set up in 2003 will be considered. Staff working in housing support services are not eligible to apply for this fund at this time.

VSDF Application packs can be downloaded from [here](#), and must be returned to the Scottish Executive by **Friday, 12th October 2007**.

Learning Network update

The Learning Networks are hosting a series of events in June and July. A brief summary of some of these events follows:

North - The North of Scotland Learning Network is holding a series of networking sessions to bring providers together to share ideas and practice. The next events are in Aberdeen (10th August) and Inverness (9th November).

For more information about the North Learning Network e-mail

[**Jan.Foster@aberdeenshire.gsx.gov.uk**](mailto:Jan.Foster@aberdeenshire.gsx.gov.uk)

South East – The South East of Scotland Learning Network is hosting an event in Edinburgh examining the SSSC’s Registration timetable on 14th June.

The Network is also holding a consultation event in Edinburgh on 28th June to discuss “social care recruitment and pre-employability provision” in South East Scotland.

For more information about the South East Learning Network e-mail

[**christy.brewster@ed.ac.uk**](mailto:christy.brewster@ed.ac.uk)

Tayforth – The Tayforth Learning Network covers Stirling, Dundee and the Tayforth area. For more information contact Lance Cosford: [**CosfordL@angus.gov.uk**](mailto:CosfordL@angus.gov.uk)

West - The West of Scotland Learning Network is hosting Local Learning Network events in New Cumnock (18th June), Paisley (19th June) and Glasgow (20th June)

For more information about the West of Scotland Learning Network e-mail

[**enquiries@westlearn.org.uk**](mailto:enquiries@westlearn.org.uk)

For more information about Scotland’s four Regional Learning Networks click [**here**](#).

The James Tudor Foundation

The James Tudor Foundation is a grant-giving charitable organisation established for “the relief of sickness.” The Foundation prefers to support small UK-based charities that have been in existence for at least two years, and is willing to support a range of activities ‘staffing’ or research.

For more information click [**here**](#).

National Practitioners' Conference, 20th June 2007, Dunfermline

The National Practitioners' Conference will give attendees an opportunity to hear first hand about the progress in implementing the Changing Lives agenda and provide an opportunity to find out more about how practitioners can contribute and interact with the change programme for social work services in Scotland.

Places at the conference are limited, so please register your interest with Luke Manley: luke.manley@scotland.gsi.gov.uk as soon as possible. A flyer can be accessed from [here](#).

Extension to the closing date for PQ and Advanced Award Candidates

Candidates who have registered with the PQ Consortium before June 2005 now have some an extension to the deadline for completing their award. More information is available from [here](#).

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