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Event: Meeting the Challenges

This is a Mental Health North East (MHNE) & North East Mental Health Development Unit (NEMHDU) event providing an update on current changes in legislation and impact of the comprehensive spending review.

Date: 25th February 2011

Venue: Centre for Life, Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne

Contact Rose Renton: Telephone **0191 4111 575** or [email](#)
Visit the MHNE [website](#)



Event: ROLEcamp

This event is for people in the North West of England with personal experience and involvement in mental health. It is organised by the ROLE network, a group of service users/survivors and carers from across the north west.

Services and service commissioners are measuring the effectiveness of their services by looking at outcomes. The ROLE network, believe those outcomes should be selected by service users/survivors and carers.

"No decision about me without me."

This event asks what outcomes do we want? And how will we know if services have provided those outcomes? Where and when?

Date: Monday 14th March 2011

Venue: Salvation Army, Harrington Street, Preston, PR1 7BN

Time: Registration at 10am. Ends at 3.30pm

Visit the ROLE [website](#) or [email](#) for more information or book your place [here](#).



Event: Personalisation discussion group

[PowerUp!](#), a London user led mental health personalisation project which is part of mental health charity [Social Perspectives Network](#), together with [Survivor Research](#), an independent user-led consultancy, would like to invite London service users to a group discussion on personal health budgets (PHBs) in mental health.

This discussion is part of a national study collecting the views of mental health service users and carers, conducted by the [Mental Health Foundation](#), a national charity working on mental health and learning disabilities.

As a token of appreciation for contributions, participants will be paid £20 in vouchers and local travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Date: Tuesday 1st March 2011

Venue: Conference Room, The Living Space, 1 Coral Street, London, SE1 7BE

Time: Starts at 10.45am. Ends at 2.00pm

Please contact Raza Griffiths, PowerUp! Co-ordinator:
Telephone **07737 647 445** or [email](#)

Read more about the PowerUp! project [here](#).



Information: Recovery In Sight Enterprise

R.I.S.E is a social enterprise, company limited by guarantee, that formed in August 2010. This followed the success of the Recovery In-Sight Centre, a service user-led socially-orientated company which offers training products and training services, self-help and peer support, research, and advisory services on practice and service development in the area of recovery. It was founded by Dr Heather Straughan in May 2009.

Read the first R.I.S.E [brochure](#), outlining their history, developments and services.

See the Recovery In Sight [website](#) for more information.



Event: BME Mental Health & Well Being seminar

The seminar will focus on two key subject areas that are very critical to the current & future health and wellbeing of BME communities.

The first part of the event will look at the issue of the BME service users' involvement in the governance of local mental health services.

The second part of the seminar will provide an opportunity to look at personalisation as part of the transformation of the Health and Social care agenda.

Date: Thursday 3rd March 2011

Venue: Mushkil Aasaan, First Floor, 222 Upper Tooting Road, London SW17 7EW

Time: Starts at 10am. Ends at 3.30pm

For further information or to book a **FREE** place contact Ermias Alemu:
Telephone 020 8682 5835 or [email](#)

The event is organised by:

[Open Up](#), [Social Perspectives Network](#), [The Asian Health Agency](#) & [South west London & St Georges Mental Health NHS Trust](#)



Campaign: Unite 4 Our NHS

The Unite 4 OUR NHS campaign has been launched to oppose the cuts and privatisations in the NHS and fight to protect NHS workers terms and conditions and pensions.

Unite's campaigning aims to impact locally and nationally in both halting and slowing down threatened NHS privatisations and support activists in their local campaigns fighting the break-up and fragmentation of the NHS.

You can co-sign a letter to the Health Bill Committee [here](#).

More information and templates can be found on the [website](#).



Information: Breakthrough Art

Breakthrough Art is a user led organisation that promotes positive mental health through the creative arts. The pictures on this website and the accompanying Reflections Magazine showcase the creative talents and art of people who have suffered mental distress.

Breakthrough Art was founded and run by Angie and Tony Russell. It develops and influences national policy on art and mental health, shares positive practice and develops an international network for anyone with similar objectives.

Visit the [website](#) for more information



News: Department Of Health

- [Mental Health Strategy](#): No Health Without Mental Health
- [Video](#): Care Services Minister Paul Burstow introduces the Government's Mental Health Strategy
- [Live consultations](#)
- [Article](#): Health advisor dismissed for asking difficult questions
- [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment \(JSNA\)](#): Documents
- [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment briefing](#): VODG

