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NSUN news

[Users In Partnership West Midlands](#) are looking for examples of good practice where service user and carer groups have been involved in working with their local trust in producing information for service users and carers. Trusts should be working towards or applying for an [accredited information standard](#) which would allow them to insert a kite mark symbol on the literature they produce. If you have examples you can share, please [email](#) David Conlon.

Ethical Policy Consultation

NSUN is reviewing its policies and would like to include members' views in the process. We are starting with the Ethical Policy and would like to know what you think should be included in an ethical policy for a national service user/survivor network. [Please email any thoughts, examples and opinions.](#)

Guardian: Mental matters

If you missed it - [here's the link!](#)



Mental Health Helplines Partnership: Trustee recruitment

The Mental Health Helplines Partnership ([mhhp](#)) brings together mental health helpline service providers with the aim of improving access, choice, quality and support for everyone affected by mental health problems. Approximately 50 members form this partnership.

[mhhp](#) is looking for two service user representatives to join the [Board of Trustees.](#)

Applicants will be expected to attend three meetings per annum in London and actively contribute to the governance of [mhhp](#).

[Click here](#) to read more and download the person specification and role description.



Mental Health Provider Forum workshop

Service User Involvement – Setting the Standard We Can All Expect

Date: 7th June 2011

Venue: Mental Health Providers Forum: 10th floor, Sea Containers House, 20 Upper Ground, London SE1 9DP

Times: 11am and finish at 4pm

[Click here](#) for more information.

Organisations involved:

[Stonham](#), [St Andrew's Healthcare](#), [Together](#), [Sussex Oakleaf](#), [Second Step](#), Turning Point, [NSUN](#), [Social Spider](#) & [MHPF](#)



Men's Health Week: Get Online

Men's Health Week 2011 (13-19th June) will focus on how new technologies can be used to improve men's health. Plans for the week include:

- A high-profile launch event to encourage men to get online.
- An All Party Parliamentary Group on Men's Health meeting to discuss the



- role of new technologies in improving men's health.
- Anew smartphone app using humour to raise men's health awareness and, in partnership with NHS Choices
- Anew mini-manual to encourage men to get health info online
- An e-card for people to send a health message to men they care about.
- National/local PR/media activity
- An expert symposium following up the week to develop policy and good practice



Click [here](#) for more information

Emergence: Impact Art Fair

[Emergence](#) will be represented at this year's [Impact Art Fair](#) (May 20-22, 2011) being held at Candid Arts Trust, London. The [Impact Art Fair](#) profiles work from artists loosely described as 'marginalised' or 'outsider'.



The work of [Kath Lovell](#) and [Andy Brooker](#) will be on display and up for grabs.

Other news from Emergence:

Clare Allan's piece in [Society Guardian](#)
Kayla Kavanagh's [latest blog](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week 23-30 May 2011: Sleep

Every year, the Mental Health Foundation hosts Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAWeek), the centrepiece of a yearlong campaign on a particular issue affecting the mental health and wellbeing of the nation. This year, the theme is sleep.



For more information visit the [website](#)

Disability Now article

Organised chaos: Cuts leave lives in crisis

Disability Now has uncovered further evidence which indicates that vital mental health and social care services throughout England and Wales are already experiencing significant cuts. 53,150 job losses are expected between now and 2015. Of this, 6,346 jobs are at risk across 53 mental health services. Read more [here](#).



Office for Disability Issues: £3 million for disability groups

11 May 2011 the Government announced £3m extra for disabled people's grassroots organisations to better deliver services disabled people really need.

User-led organisations (ULOs) will be able to bid for the extra money from July and Minister for Disabled People, Maria Miller, is also appealing for 'ambassadors' to share best practise across the country.

To apply to be an Ambassador or the National Lead for the project, or to nominate someone, visit the [website](#).



Big Society Awards

[The Prime Minister's Office](#) has launched The Big Society Award. The award has been created to recognise individuals, groups or organisations that are demonstrating the Big Society in their work or activities.



The award focuses upon three specific areas:

- Promoting social action – people being, and being encouraged to be, be more involved in their communities through giving time, money and other resources.
- Empowering communities – local people taking control of how things are done in their area and being helped to do this by local government and others.
- Opening up public services – public sector organisations and individuals demonstrating innovative ways of delivering public services and charities, social enterprises and private companies showing new ways of delivering public services.

The deadline for nominations is **23 May 2011**. For more information and the nomination form visit the [website](#).

Department of Health news

Listening Exercise & Future Forum

You have until the end of May to contribute your views to the listening exercise which will influence the Government's Health and Social Care Bill. For more information on the listening exercise and the NHS Future Forum, click [here](#).



Law Commission report: reform of adult social care law

The Law Commission has published a landmark report this week on adult social care law which proposes the creation of a new national system setting out the basic support that all local authorities in England and Wales must offer. The report also recommends that assessments of individuals and their carers should be simplified and that the NHS should work more closely with local authorities.



Care Services Minister Paul Burstow welcomed the report saying: 'We will take this work together with the recommendations of the independent Commission on the Funding of Care and Support in the summer to set out comprehensive reform in our Care and Support White Paper.'

Read the report [here](#).