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FREE South East Regional Training Programme

NSUN is pleased to announce that they will be running a programme for members in the South East region, from May to June 2011

What is it about?

To create better networking across the region.

What will you get out of it?

You will be enabled to build on your experience & skills, joining a network of your peers across the South East Region to spread information and become a catalyst for change.

How?

Gaining information and developing skills from trainers, facilitators, & their resources ~ for example, sessions on information gathering and signposting, confidence building and presentational skills

Who can apply?

Men & women who have used or use mental health services, who live in the South East: We are keen that participant group reflects all cultures & communities in the South East.

Interested? Want to find out more?

For further information [email](#) or call 01227 788211 or 0845 602 0779

Deadline for submission of application forms **28th February 2011**

Download more information about the programme and how to apply [here](#).



Recruiting the Chair of Equality 2025

£40,000 pa + expenses (non-specific location)
2 days a week

[Equality 2025](#) is a Non-Departmental Public Body, comprising 10, (9 members and a Chair) publicly appointed disabled people.

[The group](#) works across Government to offer [Ministers](#) and senior government officials strategic advice at the very early stages of policy development on issues that affect disabled people, as well as providing in-depth examinations of new or existing policy areas. Equality 2025 is not a campaigning organisation.

In order to apply, you must be a disabled person.

You will lead Equality 2025 to continue to build strong relationships with Ministers and officials to provide confidential advice and influence how policies affecting disabled people are developed. For this key role, you will need a range of skills, including:

For further information please read the recruitment [notice](#). If so, visit our website at <http://www.odi.gov.uk/equality-2025> for further information.

Alternatively you can contact the Equality 2025 Secretariat on 07776 171309 (between 2-4pm, Monday-Friday), or [email](#) or visit the [website](#).



The Involvement Helpline

"What happens to my benefits if I get involved?"

Milton Keynes Citizens Advice Bureau offers a free phone specialist benefit and tax credit advice service called the Involvement Helpline. It provides confidential, personalised and professional advice to anyone who is considering paid or voluntary involvement with the health or social care organisations that subscribe to the service.

The Involvement Helpline is currently commissioned by the Commission for Social Care Inspection, General Social Care Council, Skills for Care, and the Social Care Institute for Excellence.



If your organisation involves people who use health and social care services and their carers and would like to subscribe to the Involvement Helpline please [email](#) Wendy Lehmann based at Acorn House, 361 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HP or visit the [website](#).



Campaign for the Recognition and Inclusion of Dissociation and Multiplicity

A day-long event to raise awareness, share experiences

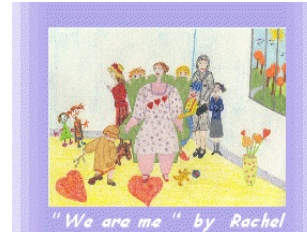
Date: **Saturday 12th March 2011**

Time: **10.00am – 4.00pm**

Venue: Resource Centre 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

Topics covered will include:

- Living with a dissociative disorder
- Managing a career and developing creativity
- Getting the right diagnosis and treatment
- What's helpful and where to find support
- Where we go from here: challenging health services, the government and public perceptions



Presentations from survivors of abuse and those living with DID, and sessions chaired by representatives from key support groups including First Person Plural, PODS, TASC, RAINS, TAG, NAPAC and the Survivors' Trust

Admission **£10**

To book, please send your contact details and a cheque for £10 payable to "The Paracelsus Trust" to Dr Amelia Roberts, 815 Finchley Road, London NW11 8AJ. If you prefer to pay online by credit/debit card or PayPal, please visit [PODS online](#). For further information or directions to the venue, please [email](#) Dr Amelia Roberts, Campaign Coordinator.

Patient Opinion comments on NHS Choices

A letter from [NHS Choices](#) explains that they are in the process of syndicating Patient Opinion comments on acute hospitals. This follows a recent separate communication issued to NHS acute trust chief executives on 22 December 2010.

Links: [Letter](#):

Patient Opinion [website](#)



Launch of Disability Rights Watch UK

Date: **25th January 2010**

Time: **11am-3 pm**

Venue: Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, 108 Stamford Street London SE1 9HN

Aims of this event

This is the first major event on disabled people's human rights since the UN Convention was ratified by the UK Government. Through Disability Rights Watch UK, the event will provide an opportunity for disabled people and their organisations to learn more about the convention and get involved in gathering evidence about disabled people's rights in the UK, also known as 'Convention monitoring'.

The main focus will be on how individuals and organisations can get actively involved in monitoring the Convention and how you can support and encourage others in your community to get involved too.

Booking your place.

To confirm your place please [email](#) or call **020 8522 7433** by the 17th January.

Spaces for the event are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis; with priority given to Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs). So please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information about Disability Rights Watch UK visit the [website](#).



Experiences of the cuts & VAT rise

Following a meeting between members of the Public Service Delivery network, the Prime Minister and other Government ministers, the Prime Minister has asked NCVO to give him examples of good and bad practice around funding cuts and VAT. NCVO would like you to get in touch if you have any examples to share – they will help to give the Government a valuable steer on what support the sector needs in the months ahead.

VAT

Irrecoverable VAT can be a significant barrier. NCVO would like you to tell them about your experiences – and particularly how shared services VAT has acted as a barrier to collaborative working. Please [email](#) Senior Policy Officer James Allen if you can help.

Spending Cuts

NCVO are also looking for examples of where you are experiencing disproportionate or inappropriate local authority spending cuts. This will really help



them to gather and communicate intelligence on the scale of the challenges ahead. If it's happening in your area, please take a few minutes to fill out the [online survey](#), or alternatively you can [email](#) your thoughts.

SCIE WIKI workshops reminder

SCIE has produced a wiki that will create a guide to making social care events accessible. Awiki is a website that can be edited by anyone. Our wiki is aimed at people who use social care services. The wiki will be available until March 2010. All the changes and comments made will be used to create a final guide to making social care events accessible.

As part of this work, SCIE is holding a series of workshops. The aim of the workshops is to introduce participants to wiki technology, and explore ways that service user-led organisations can use wiki's to enhance their work.

Workshops will be held at the SCIE office, 1st Floor, Goldings House, 2 Hay's Lane, London SE1 2HB on: 1.

Friday 21 January 2011

Wednesday 2 February 2011

To apply for a place please [email](#) or call 020 7089 7121 or visit the [website](#).

Expenses for people who use services and carers

If you use care services, or are a carer for someone who uses services, we will pay all reasonable expenses related to attending the meeting and will be able to pay most expenses on the day. Please have receipts and tickets available wherever possible. Expenses for carers will include the cost of purchasing alternative care arrangements for the person you support, if that is necessary for you to attend.

We also offer a payment to service users and carers attending the event of £75.

If you are on welfare benefits this payment may affect your benefit. If you are unsure how this affects you, please seek advice about this. You can receive confidential advice through the **Involvement Helpline**. If you would like to get this advice, you can contact them directly on 0800 652 0942 or [email](#).

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