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NSUN news

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North West: Focus Groups, to discuss regional networking are being held in:
Kendal –22.2.11. Liverpool – 23.2.11. Manchester – 24.2.11

Contact: 07778 659 390 or [email](#)

North East: Personalisation event: [Making It Happen!](#)
Rescheduled from 28th February to **7th March 2011**

London: Mapping of London service user/survivor training initiatives & activity. We will be sending out more information later this week.

South East: Regional training programme - developing better networking across the region. [Read more!](#)

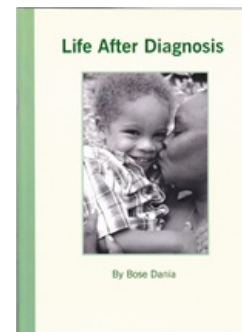
NSUN poll: Tell us what impact you think the [Mental Health Strategy](#) will have on mental health services. Vote [here](#).



PUBLICATION: Life After Diagnosis

Bose Dania was trained as a professional dancer and went on to run a successful dance school for 3 years in Austria. At the time she had never heard of Mental Health and fought the symptoms for over a year, before having her first episode in Austria.

After having seven episodes within the space of three years she was determined not to be beaten by her illness. She learnt to manage her illness and live a 'normal' life. Bose decided to put this book of poetry together in the hope of helping other people know that there is life after diagnosis.
Bose's book can be purchased for £5.
Please [email](#) if you would like to order a copy.



TRAINING: Young Ambassador Leadership Programme

Are you young (16 to 25), from the Leeds area and have experience of mental health issues? Tired of not getting your voice heard and want to improve your life, and the lives of others like you? Then this is for you!

The young Ambassador's programme, is a two-day residential event, with life coaching, empowerment workshops, inspirational speakers.
It is for you, by people who have been there and made the journey.

Addressing things that matter to you:

- What you want to see changed
- More youth involvement Linking up with other young people, with similar interests and backgrounds
- Making a difference to your lives and the lives of others, learning new skills and passing those on
- Having fun!

Contact [David Stocks](#) or [Katherine Ledger](#) for more information or to book a place.



EMPLOYMENT: Experts in Service User Involvement

Are you an 'expert' in service user involvement?
Would you like to work for us as a freelance Service User Involvement Consultant?

Together's Service User Involvement Directorate is a specialist team of staff & volunteers, all of whom have lived experience. They are currently looking to expand their team by recruiting a small number of freelance consultants across the country. This team will be allocated work based on individual skills, knowledge, experience and background. Deadline for submitting a CV is **Friday 11th March 2011**.

To find out more and request an information pack please contact Angela Newton on 07739 506 583 or [email](#)



CONFERENCE: Research in Forensic Secure Units

The Department of Forensic and Neurodevelopmental Sciences at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London, and Partnerships in Care, are sponsors of the 8th National Conference on Research in Forensic Secure Units.

Date: Thursday 8th March 2011

Venue: Institute of Psychiatry, Wolfson Lecture Theatre, 16 De Crespigny Park, London, [SE5 8AF](#), UK

Time: 9.30am - 5.30pm

Key Note Speakers :

- Dr Michael Doyle, University of Manchester & Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Dr Quazi Haque, Institute of Psychiatry
- Dr Norbert Schalast, University of Essen
- Professor Christopher Webster, University of Toronto & Simon Fraser University

This year's meeting will focus on recovery models and risk assessment. Please note this conference is **free**, but advanced booking with a £20 deposit cheque is required. The cheque will be returned at the Conference to all attendees.

To find out more information or book visit the [website](#)



University of London

NEWS: Department of Health

CONSULTATION: [Offender Personality Disorder](#)

This consultation is seeking views about a new pathway approach for the treatment and management of offenders with serious personality disorders. A summary of responses will be published.

Closing date for responses: **12 May 2011**

Click [here](#) to see a list of live consultations



LETTER: From the Chief Executive of the NHS in England.

The letter provides an update on Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS - Managing the Transition.

'This letter provides an update in light of these developments, focussing in particular on the new commissioning system. The publication of the Bill in particular has prompted widespread debate about the proposals for the new system and Annex B below offers clarification on some of the most commonly raised issues.'

Read the letter [here](#).

ART: Journey of Principles of Pleasure

AMULTI-CULTURAL mental health drop-in centre has transformed an empty shop into an "inspiring" art exhibition in Liverpool.

The exhibition is at the former Rapid Paint Shop, on Renshaw Street, and explores experiences that have changed people's attitude to life. More than 30 artists contributed. The exhibition is an invitation to the public to be inspired and to 'Take notice.'

2,000 copies of the inspirational booklet 'Principles of Pleasure' to be handed out free of charge.

28 - 32 Renshaw Street, Liverpool, L1 4EF
10 February - 11 March 2011
Opening Hours: 11.30 - 18.00



FUNDING: Transitional Fund to support charities

The first 18 grants from the programme have been announced. Find out which [18 projects have been awarded a grant](#)



[Big Fund](#) is delivering the Transition Fund on behalf of the Office for Civil Society (OCS), Cabinet Office.

'The Transition Fund will help civil society organisations which deliver high quality public services adapt to a different funding environment during a period when they are at risk from reductions in taxpayer funded income.'

Grants are available between £12,500 and £500,000.

What to do next

Do you have questions about the Transition Fund? [Find out more](#).
Read the Transition Fund [guides](#)

Contact

If you would like any further information please call 0330 303 0110
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