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## NSUN news

NSUN has been asked to promote the opportunity to apply for grants of £3,000 for local events and £10,000 for regional or national events. See below for details.

NSUN has established places on the transitional Joint Commissioning Panel and the Ministerial Advisory Group. We will be providing updates and asking for your views on what issues should be shared at this level. [Read more...](#)

NSUN is now hosting the Survivor Research Network. If you are interested in finding out more and being part of the network please register your interest [here](#).

The latest news, views and opinions from the North East news can be read [here](#). Also [Mental Health North East](#) is undertaking a survey asking how people on low income and suffering mental ill health will cope during the forthcoming winter with ever increasing fuel bills and potentially reduced available income to spend on necessities. [Click here](#) for more details on how to complete the questionnaire.

The London training mapping survey can be accessed [here](#).

We have a few places left on the Talk for Health FREE taster day 11th July 2011. [Read more...](#)



## Funding available for social contact events...NOW!

Do you have any ideas for events around world mental health day, that will engage a range of people and aim to raise awareness and change attitudes about mental health?

You could be eligible to receive **£3,000** for your local event or **£10,000** for a regional or national event in partnership with others.

For more information & to download an application form [click here](#).

**Initial applications to be received by 12pm noon Monday 11th July.**



## New cartoon by Andrew Voyce

Andrew Voyce recently posted a new cartoon onto his SlideShare page.

It's called 'Actual Bodily Harm' and can be reached by clicking on this [link](#).



## Voices Empowered event 20th July

[The Take Ten People Project \(2010-2011\)](#) was part of a wider regional strategy, funded by the North East Mental Health Development Unit (NEMHDU), to improve the progression and employment prospects of people with experience of a mental health condition. The focus of the project was supporting information, advice and guidance practitioners to understand more about choices for individuals facing multiple barriers to accessing learning or skills or employment. Read the full report [here](#).

Voices Empowered (a mental health service user led company) are running an event in Sunderland 20th July, **Raising Awareness Opportunities** in employment,



training & education for people with mental health issues. For more information [click here](#).

Check it out

## World Report on Disability

The first ever World report on disability, produced jointly by WHO and the World Bank, suggests that more than a billion people in the world today experience disability. The report provides the best available evidence about what works to overcome barriers to health care, rehabilitation, education, employment, and support services, and to create the environments which will enable people with disabilities to flourish.

The report ends with a concrete set of recommended actions for governments and their partners. Read more & download the full report [here](#).



## CoolTan Arts Film Premier

Film Premiere Innovation in Mad Culture - CoolTan Arts Largactyl Shuffle (named after an anti psychotic drug that has extreme physical side effects), followed by a panel discussion with CoolTan participants and speakers from the fields of arts and health/mental health. Wednesday 20th July 7pm.

For more information click [here](#).



## Scottish Recovery Network

Scottish Recovery Network (SRN) is conducting a strategic review that could result in longer term changes to their work, however the priority for 2011/12 is to continue developing significant work areas and share new learning about recovery. SRN Director, Simon Bradstreet, takes a closer look at what they'll be concentrating on in the coming year, with a particular focus on growing the Network, SRI, WRAP, Peer Support and recovery research. Read the full article [here](#).



## Care Quality Commission news

The Government has given an update on the progress of HealthWatch in its formal response to the NHS Future Forum report. Both HealthWatch England and Local HealthWatch will now be established from October 2012. This will give Local HealthWatch the opportunity to play a full role in clinical commissioning groups and health and wellbeing boards when they are set up. Local authorities and Local HealthWatch will take formal responsibility for commissioning NHS complaints advocacy from April 2013.

You can sign up for the free monthly newsletter [here](#).



## Pavillion FREE lectures

**FridayFocus@Pavillion** is Pavilion's new free to attend learning and networking programme of lectures designed to discuss and debate pressing issues within the sector.

The events will run regularly on Friday mornings in London. Delegates are invited to a 45 minute lecture, a Q&A session and informal networking participation. Details about the first July FridayFocus@Pavillion, along with dates for your diary of forthcoming FridayFocus@Pavillion events can be found [here](#).



## Office of Disability Issues draft UN report

On 16 May ODI released a draft government report on the UK's implementation of the United Nations (UN) Convention on Rights for Disabled People, since July 2009. We would like disabled people to read and comment on the report. ODI is currently developing a cross-government Disability Strategy which will identify how the Convention will be implemented in the future.

ODI have extended the comment period to 5pm, **Monday 25 July 2011**. This will allow more organisations to discuss the report with their members.

For more information & to find out how to submit a response [click here](#).

