

Oct 2009-June 2010

# Learning Events Programme

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# Learning Events

Oct 2009-June 2010

## Personalisation and User Engagement

The personalisation agenda places an onus on local authorities to ensure that input from users stays central to the change process. What does this mean in practice and how are authorities working with users and user-led organisations? Where and how can users have input? What are the risks and the practical implications? This event explores experience and evidence.

**October 1 2009**

MIC, London

## Evidence-informed Commissioning in Adult Services

**JOINT EVENT WITH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC CARE**

These two-part workshops focus on ensuring that the commissioning process is based on evidence of what is likely to be effective. It builds on *Think Research*, produced by the Cabinet Office and our sister organisation, **research in practice**. The workshops will include the opportunity for delegates to look in detail at their local situations.

**October 28 and November 26 2009**

Hilton Bath City, Bath

**January 21 and February 25 2010**

The Lowry, Manchester

## Practicalities and Possibilities

These interactive workshops will provide an opportunity for delegates to explore practical ways of developing person-centred thinking and planning for older people in their own practice setting, drawing upon real examples and key messages from the recent report, *Practicalities and Possibilities*.

**November 5 2009**

Blackburne House, Liverpool

**April 27 2010**

Watershed, Bristol

## Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults: Developing best practice to ensure effective protection from abuse

**JOINT EVENT WITH COMMUNITY CARE**

This event organised by Community Care will provide the first opportunity to hear in detail about the learning from our first Change Project, *Safety Matters*. There will be both a plenary session addressing the key messages and a workshop looking at the practice materials in more detail. This follows the national launch of the suite of products at the NCASC Conference in Harrogate in October.

**November 5 2009**

Central London

## Provision for Dementia in Extracare Housing

Many extracare housing developments seek to provide support for people for the rest of their lives. This event will explore the different ways in which support to people with dementia is being provided in extracare housing and will explore what the evidence suggests should be the preferred model(s).

**November 24 2009**

Watershed, Bristol

## Users as Researchers?

There is increasing interest in those who use services being involved in carrying out research relating to that support. This workshop will explore some of the practical implications of users as researchers and will discuss the impact that user researchers have.

**December 1 2009**

ORT, London



## Involve Us: the Individual Budget Experience

This is a user-led workshop focusing on the experience of individuals that use individual budgets and their family carers. The key is on learning through sharing people's stories but this will be put also in the context of the most current research findings on the use of individual budgets.

**December 10 2009**

Highgate House, Northamptonshire

**January 28 2010**

Albamarle Centre, Taunton

## Market Transformation

One of the key responsibilities of local authorities in the context of the transformation agenda is the development of local service markets. This conference is targeted at both service providers and Partner agency representatives that are involved in the development of these markets. The participants will gain knowledge on the impact of personalisation on the market, as well as ideas on how to develop and situate themselves in the market and how economic incentives work in the process of contracting for local services.

**January 12 2010**

The Town Hall, Reading

## Outcome-based Assessment and Support Plans

This is a two-part hands-on workshop, aimed at practitioners (social workers and others), team managers, and everybody aspiring to implement an outcome-based approach in assessment and support planning. The participants will gain an understanding of practice models of outcome-based assessment and support planning, together with an overview of the current research findings. Examples from leading local authorities, case studies and sharing of experiences are the focus of this workshop.

**February 11 and February 23 2010**

ORT, London

**May 27 and June 8 2010**

Deaf Cultural Centre, Birmingham

## Personalisation Knowledge Fair

This is one-day exhibition event during which our Partner agencies will have the opportunity to present their achievements in progressing the personalisation process, as well as to share knowledge and learn from each other. The event is open to everybody from the Partner network that would like to come and spend some time 'shopping' for knowledge and good practice from other local authorities. A series of workshops on personalisation practice will run throughout the day.

**March 2 2010**

Custard Factory, Birmingham

## Smooth Transitions

### JOINT EVENT WITH RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

Young people with learning disabilities face a unique set of challenges when they leave school, ideally entering further education, training or employment. Drawing on current research, policy and practice, this workshop will look at building effective and co-ordinated multi-agency support for these young people and their families/carers during transition, to ensure that their needs are appropriately met.

**March 4 2010**

Midland Hotel, Manchester

**March 16 2010**

City University, London

**March 30 2010**

Lyngford House, Taunton

## Occupational Therapy - are we ready to put people first?

Following on from our highly successful conference in 2007 looking at the Future of Occupational Therapy, this conference will revisit the role of OTs across adult health and social care in light of *Putting People First* and the accompanying personalisation agenda. It will explore local innovative practice, provide an opportunity for networking and present latest research and evidence.

**March 9 2010**

Think Tank, Birmingham

## Does Integrated Care Really Work? One year on

Twelve months after **research in practice for adults** first collaborated with the Integrated Care Network (ICN) to provide two events exploring the evidence base for integration, we will ask whether the evidence base has moved forward - exploring new and ongoing evaluations of integration in health and social care and providing a setting for discussion and debate.

**May 13 2010**

City Museum, Leeds

**June 24 2010**

Watershed, Bristol

## Personalisation and Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Communities

What do we know about the use of self-directed support by people from BME communities? Do they face particular challenges? What are the issues and what is the evidence? This event will explore implications and opportunities for BME service users and their service providers as they work to implement personalisation of services.

**May 18 2010**

National Space Centre, Leicester

## New Opportunity

### Dartington Spring School on Evidence-informed Practice

A residential event targeted at middle and senior managers will be held at Dartington 24-26 March 2010. There will be an extra charge for this event. For further details contact [barbara@ripfa.org.uk](mailto:barbara@ripfa.org.uk).

**March 24-26 2010**

Dartington

# Annual Events

Oct 2009-June 2010

## Seminar for Councillors and Trustees

**JOINT EVENT WITH RESEARCH IN PRACTICE**

Safeguarding is the theme for this year's annual event for elected members from the Partner agencies. This event is organised jointly by **research in practice for adults** and **research in practice**, our children and families counterpart. This is a 24 hour residential seminar comprising a series of plenary sessions and workshops.

**February 3 and 4 2010**

Woodland Grange, Leamington Spa

## Link Officers Annual Meeting

This is a key event in our annual calendar, an opportunity for Link Officers to develop their knowledge about the most effective ways to promote and support the use of research evidence in service delivery. It also includes opportunities for information exchange, networking and research input.

**March 18 and 19 2010**

Dartington

## Directors Policy Forum

This annual event provides an opportunity for Directors and Heads of Service to hear about recent policy and practice developments and to influence the future programme of work.

**June 16 and 17 2010**

Dartington

**If you wish to know more about our events please visit our website**  
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# Diary of Events

## Oct 2009 - June 2010

Visit our website for further details of each event.

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### 2009

#### October

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London

**28**  
Evidence-informed Commissioning in Adult Services  
Bath

#### November

**05**  
Practicalities and Possibilities  
Liverpool

**05**  
Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults:  
London

**24**  
Provision for Dementia in Extracare Housing  
Bristol

**26**  
Evidence-informed Commissioning in Adult Services  
Bath

#### December

**01**  
Users as Researchers?  
London

**10**  
Involve Us: the Individual Budget Experience  
Northamptonshire

'the speakers challenged my thinking and were inspirational'

'very rewarding day; would like to recommend such seminars to all frontline staff'

### 2010

#### January

**12**  
Market Transformation  
Reading

**21**  
Evidence-informed Commissioning in Adult Services  
Manchester

**28**  
Involve Us: the Individual Budget Experience  
Taunton

#### February

**03**  
Seminar for Councillors and Trustees  
Leamington Spa

**04**  
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Leamington Spa

**11**  
Outcome-based Assessment and Support Plans  
London

**23**  
Outcome-based Assessment and Support Plans  
London

**25**  
Evidence-informed Commissioning in Adult Services  
Manchester

In the course of the year a number of other events or similar opportunities will be organised; these will be publicised in flyers and on the website. These will be either for Regional Partner groups or associated with the piloting of the Change Project, SDS360.

## Notes

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## March

**02**

Personalisation Knowledge Fair

Birmingham

**18**

Link Officers Annual Meeting

Dartington

**04**

Smooth Transitions

Manchester

**19**

Link Officers Annual Meeting

Dartington

**09**

Occupational Therapy

Birmingham

**24-26**

Dartington Spring School on Evidence-informed Practice

Dartington

**16**

Smooth Transitions

London

**30**

Smooth Transitions

Taunton

## April

**27**

Practicalities and Possibilities

Bristol

## May

**13**

Does Integrated Care Really Work? One year on

Leeds

**18**

Personalisation and Black and Minority Ethnic Communities

Leicester

**27**

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Birmingham

## June

**08**

Outcome-based Assessment and Support Plans

Birmingham

**16**

Directors Policy Forum

Dartington

**17**

Directors Policy Forum

Dartington

**24**

Does Integrated Care Really Work? One year on

Bristol

