

Passionate about learning?



Who are research in practice and research in practice for adults?

research in practice and **research in practice for adults** are charitable organisations that seek to promote the use of evidence in frontline social care practice across children's and adult services in England and Wales.

Evidence-informed practice...?

Evidence-informed practice is a philosophy that believes that professional practice should be underpinned by evidence – from research, practice expertise, and from service user experiences. Just like when visiting your GP, where the diagnosis and treatment you receive is informed by the latest research evidence and years of experience, we work to ensure that the same approach is adopted when receiving support from social care services. We are passionate about ensuring that within children's and adult services, decision making at all levels from frontline and student social workers, through to managers, directors and elected politicians, can be undertaken in an evidence-informed manner.

How do we do this?

We support the use of evidence to inform social care practice throughout our network of local authorities, national charitable organisations and universities. We deliver a programme of Learning Events, which take the form of conferences, workshops or online webinars.

We also produce a range of resources, such as research reviews and practice guides; these are easy to read robust resources, condensing often complex research messages into practical and helpful tools that genuinely inform and support social care practitioners and managers.

The final strand of our approach to supporting the use and development of evidence-informed practice is through our websites: www.rip.org.uk, www.ripfa.org.uk and www.ripfa.co.uk which contain a variety of online and technology enhanced approaches to network knowledge exchange, social networking, multimedia and conventional e-learning training.

So this is where I come in right?

Right, we're thinking about our plans for the future and investigating innovative ways to deliver support to frontline social care practitioners more effectively. That in turn will have a profound effect on the quality and delivery of children's and adult services in the UK. So if you believe that you have the following skill-sets and specialisms and if you consider yourself to have a passion and enthusiasm for improving the training, quality and innovation within the social care sector, we'd really like to hear from you.

Our partner organisations represent around two-thirds of all local authority children's services, and one third of adults services in England and Wales as well as a number of high profile national organisations, so there is both a real opportunity for your work to make a difference to the lives of people across the country, and for the development of your work to be supported by a network of experienced social care practitioners.

If you are interested in working with us in one of the following associate roles to support our work and delivery programme for late 2011 and 2012, please email us at emily.townsend@ripfa.org.uk



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The knowledge, skills and experience we are looking for...



Copywriters & Easy Read Specialists

We're keen to build our network of individuals with a passion and a talent for developing and producing clear copy, from often complex scientific literature. We're looking for individuals who can produce copy for print, the web and to support the development of workshop materials and interactive e-learning content.

Illustrators, Artists & Animators

A picture can speak a thousand words, right? Working in a sector where time is of the essence, we're looking for individuals who can show experience of successfully simplifying large bodies of text, condense complex messages and develop consistent visual narratives, metaphors and pattern languages. We're especially keen to hear from you if you have experience of visualising and storytelling across print, web and interactive media.

Cross-Platform Mobile Developers

We plan to push the boundaries of training delivery within the social care sector. We would be interested in developing a partnership with consultancies or individuals specialising in the delivery of training via mobile devices. We're also interested in developers that can work with the Flex Framework, Titanium or PhoneGap; to develop an approach to e-learning that works across platforms. This is a chance to combine your technical skills and foresight with some genuinely important and life changing content.

Web Developers

We're looking to expand our network of web development specialists, to support the ongoing development of our existing web resources. We're particularly keen on exploring the possibility of opening up our repository of learning content as an API as well as implementing Web 2.0 technologies as part of our Learning & Development Programme. If you are experienced in developing alongside CMS systems such as Drupal, Joomla, Wordpress and Moodle we'd really like to hear from you. Experience of PHP, ColdFusion and development and implementation of bespoke (but standards compliant) web services would also be desirable.

Videographers

We're looking for experienced videographers who can produce professional and engaging video for events and for the web. If you can make creative and technical decisions whilst maintaining consistency and relevancy we would like to hear from you.

Instructional Designers

We're looking for some support in defining and developing our online learning pedagogy. We're particularly passionate about how we can make social media and network based knowledge exchange equate to genuine learning & development of professional practice, so if that's interesting to you get in touch.

Multimedia & Web Based E-Learning Developers

Experienced in designing and developing multimedia based e-learning content? Accomplished using software such as Articulate, Captivate or equivilant? Or is to you, using such tools just a means to an end? We are looking for someone to work with our inhouse e-learning developers, to work on discrete modules and training programmes we are planning and developing. We're particularly interested in specialists with experience in measuring and evaluating the impact of multimedia and e-learning.

Capable of telling us something we don't even know we need

As an organisation that takes design and innovation very seriously and that understands implicitly the value of both user-centred and technology-led approaches to new product and service development, we're open to the idea that someone, or an entire organisation, can offer us skills, experience, methodologies or technology that may be ideal for supporting the work we do. The only problem is that we just haven't heard of it yet. If you think you fall into this category we'd be really keen to hear your ideas about how we can combine our areas of interest.



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