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Research News & Information

- **Equality and Human Rights Commission - Equality issues in Wales: a research review. Winckler V. (Editor)**

This report presents findings from a literature review looking at research and statistics on equality in Wales. It covers 6 areas: Race, Gender, Disability, Age Sexual Orientation and Religion. This work was carried out for the Equality and Human Rights Commission. It looks at literature published between 2000 and October 2008 and covers literature which relates specifically to Wales. This is research from academic, government and third sector sources. The research looks at all-Wales rather than local studies. This report can be downloaded in full as a PDF on the Equality and Human Rights website at:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publicationsandresources/pages/publications.aspx?k=equality%20issues%20in%20wales>

- **Research Information Network (RIN) report, "E-journals: their use, value and impact"**

A new RIN report, based on a study by the Centre for Information Behaviour and the Evaluation of Research (CIBER) at University College London, looks into how researchers use e-journals, the impact this has on provision of library and

information services, and links with research outcomes. Many surveys have shown how much researchers welcome online access to journals; but the RIN report goes further by demonstrating how users actually behave and use e-journals in practice through deep log analysis of publishers' usage logs. The RIN report provides an evidence-based study to give a detailed portrait of the information seeking behaviour of UK researchers, of how they make use of online journals and of the benefits that might result.

Website: www.rin.ac.uk/use-ejournals

Information Dissemination – featured journal

■ **International Journal of Consumer Studies: *Special Issue Call for Papers* - September 2010 Consumer/User & Carer Involvement in Health & Social Care**

Involving and engaging people in the planning and provision of services is founded on the core ethical principle that consumers and the wider public have a right to have their say and to be involved wherever possible. This includes consumer involvement in the development of high-quality, health and social care options across acute, primary, secondary, residential and community care settings - as part of a flexible response to peoples' varied and often changing needs.

A number of different terms have sprung up to reflect what is meant by “a consumer”, for example patient, service user, relative, carer/caregiver, customer, visitor, advocate, citizen or member of the public. The purpose of this Special Issue is to identify and analyze current and future directions in consumer involvement, relevant to health and social care and at the interface between the two. Articles may be theoretical, report on detailed research or reflect on practice. They should add significantly to the research literature in this area.

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Funding Opportunities

■ **Wellcome Trust - Society Awards, 'Eating'**

Deadline: 9th October 2009

The theme for this year's Wellcome Trust Society Awards is 'eating'. Scientists are finding out more and more about the impact of eating on our bodies, minds and behaviour, and the complex web of signals that affect the type and quantity of food we eat. The Wellcome Trust is looking for exciting and innovative approaches that will explore any aspect or consequence of the act of eating. You may wish to approach the theme from a medical, physiological, psychological, nutritional, dietetic, genetic, evolutionary, cultural, sociological, economic, historical, ethical or public health point of view. Successful applications will have a wide audience reach, with the potential for national impact, deliverable goals, appropriate expertise and solid foundations in current scientific knowledge. They are also looking for innovative collaborations between scientists working on the latest discoveries in the field (not necessarily Trust funded) and excellent science communicators. Visit:

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Society-Awards/index.htm>

■ Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Innovation Fund

Grants made from the fund will average between £10,000 and £25,000.

This fund supports innovative ideas and unusual partnerships across the foundation's cultural, education and social interests. They particularly welcome ideas that take the perspective of people at the receiving end of activities or services, whether as audiences, participants or clients. They are also looking for ideas that demonstrate a cross-sectoral approach. If projects are specifically local they must be of a kind that have not been implemented elsewhere and which can set a precedent for emulation in other places, or serve as a national pilot. Although the host applicant and prime beneficiaries should be resident in the UK or Republic of Ireland, they are also interested in proposals that may involve European partners or that emulate good practice in other countries. Please follow this link for full details **especially exclusions**: <http://www.gulbenkian.org.uk/innovation-fund>

■ MRC - New Investigator Research Grant

Deadlines are usually in January, May and September. All proposals are assessed by external experts before they are considered by the MRC research boards at their meetings in May/June, October/November and February/March.

Your proposal must be submitted through the MRC EAA system by 4pm on the relevant research board's deadline date. The New Investigator Research Grant is aimed at researchers who are capable of becoming principal investigators, and who are now ready to take the next step towards that goal. The scheme can provide talented early-career scientists with a route into a permanent academic position. For those who already have a post it provides funding and 'protected time' with which to establish an independent research career. A New Research Investigator Grant is also a potential source of research funding for fellows whose awards only cover a personal salary. For further information please contact:

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/NIRG/index.htm#P41_4355

■ DRINKAWARE Grants Scheme

Grants from £2,000 to £100,000 are available for projects tackling alcohol abuse. Organisations working with under-18s are eligible to apply. The Drinkaware grants scheme aims to change the UK's drinking culture for the better. They work to positively influence public behaviour and find innovative ways to raise awareness about the effects of alcohol, to help reduce alcohol misuse and minimise alcohol-related harm. The funding schemes give local and national projects a fantastic chance to change the nation's drinking habits and make a positive difference to people's lives. This is your chance to be part of the solution.

Further information is available from <http://www.drinkaware.co.uk>

■ Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) and the Burdett Trust for Nursing programme, "'Patients First': Supporting Nurse-led Innovation in Practice"

FoNS is delighted to announce its new and forward-thinking partnership with the Burdett Trust for Nursing which will enable clinically based nurses to lead innovative local projects that will develop nurses, nursing and healthcare practice to improve patient care in any healthcare setting across the UK. The programme 'Patients First' will focus on enabling nurse-led teams to meet patient needs and enhance their experience of care by using processes that lead to sustainable practice change.

Over a period of 12 months, this programme will provide support and facilitation to clinically based nurse-led teams to help them to develop, implement and evaluate locally focused innovations that improve patient care. Website:

www.fons.org/ahcp_pffunding.asp

Closing date for applications is 24 July 2009

Events

- **RESEARCH SHOWCASE of “WEDHS Joint Initiative Funded Scheme Projects” (West Wales Hub).** Thursday, 25th June 2009 12.00-2.30 p.m. (Lunch will be served at 12.00) Room 223, Glyndwr Building, Singleton Campus Swansea University

P r e s e n t a t i o n s

1. Developing health information resources with the Polish community by Joy Merrell, Professor of Public Health Nursing
2. Progressive Women in Wales: 'Raising the profile of organ and blood donation within the BME community' by Shanaz Begum, Ashra Khanom, and Rizwana Nadeem
3. Women's Only Group Glanymor and Tyisha Communities First, Llanelli 'Dancersize' sessions by Farah Aziz
4. Mayreau Black and Minority Network for West Wales by Kay Hughes

Special Events

WAG-sponsored 'Recognising Achievement' award

Sujatha Thaladi, of MENFA Cardiff receives a ‘Recognising Achievement’ award.

In the words of the Welsh Assembly Government's First Minister, the Right Honourable Rhodri Morgan, "Since devolution there has been a growing desire for the creation of an awards system that would allow Wales to recognise and celebrate achievement and the tremendous contribution ordinary people make to our society. The Welsh government has launched a new and long term award scheme called 'Recognising Achievement' this year to recognise individuals' contributions in certain specified activities or fields. Every year there will be a specific theme underpinning

the process used to identify worthy individuals. The theme for 2009 is 'Helping People in Difficult Situations' "



Sujatha Thaladi accepting the award of a beautiful Welsh crystal vase from the First Minister - 4th June 2009 at the Caerphilly Castle.

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