



Wales Equality and Diversity in Health and Social  
Care Research and Support Service

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### Research News & Information

#### ◆ **Launch of the Centre of Excellence for Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement (DECIPHer)**

The Centre for the Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement will be launched on 13 May 2009, (10am - 4pm) at the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, National Museum of Wales, in Cardiff.

DECIPHer is one of five new UKCRC Public Health Research Centres of Excellence, a national initiative which aims to bring about a step change in public health research capacity and impact.

DECIPHer has an ambitious programme which aims to make a mark on the UK Public Health Research landscape as well as making an impact on the health of children and young people across Wales, the South West of England and internationally. This will be done through collaboration with academic and non-academic partners. WEDHS is one of the key partners that DECIPHer will link with in terms of developing its public involvement strategy. The launch will provide an opportunity for DECIPHer to share with others the context of the UKCRC Centres and discuss its planned work. Representatives of the key

partners in the strategic collaboration will set out the commitment and support of the three collaborating universities and the policy leads in the Welsh Assembly Government and the Government Office of the South West.

◆ **Voices for Change Cymru** - <http://www.voicesforchangecymru.org.uk>

This website contains a range of information including:

- An explanation of Welsh political structures and processes
- Help to understand local and national politics
- Ways to engage with decision makers
- How to plan a campaign

There are tips on the opportunities that now exist for third sector organisations to have their voice heard, latest news items, relevant training events and plenty of links to further information. Perhaps the most useful will be the “**Monitoring Service**” section which will be updated every Monday. It will provide **up-to-date information** about what’s happening within the National Assembly for Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government in the areas that interest you. The website holds information in 16 different categories, so you will be able to find information which relates to your specific area of interest.

If you have any comments or ideas of how you would like to see the website improved to include any other information which you would find helpful, please get in touch with the Voices for Change Cymru team – [vfcc@wcva.org.uk](mailto:vfcc@wcva.org.uk) or 0800 2888 329. For more information contact: **Rhian Mai Thomas**, Administrator, Voices for Change Cymru. Tel: 029 2043 1757 email: [rthomas@wcva.org.uk](mailto:rthomas@wcva.org.uk) [www.voicesforchangecymru.org.uk](http://www.voicesforchangecymru.org.uk). [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk)

Information Dissemination – featured journals

◆ **Diversity in Health and Care Journal**

The journal focuses on all aspects of diversity and the equitable provision of health care and services for members of a wider range of social groups and settings in all countries in the world. The journal welcomes papers on race, culture and ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, migrants, carers, disabilities, including physical, communication and learning, spirituality and underserved or marginalised populations. Papers may take the form of: \*research papers; \*practice papers; \*education papers; \*debate papers; \*knowledge-sharing reports. Target audience: Practitioners, Teachers and advanced learners and Researchers in health and social care, nursing, social work, medicine and community development

**Frequency:** Quarterly **Editor:** Paula McGee and Mark R D Johnson

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**Instructions to authors:** <http://www.radcliffe-oxford.com/dhsc>

**Website:** <http://www.radcliffe-oxford.com/dhsc>

#### ◆ Health and Social Care in the Community Journal

Health and Social Care in the Community is an exciting international journal with a multidisciplinary approach recognizing the common ground between health and social care in the community. The Journal publishes: original research papers, policy and topical review articles; policy and practice evaluations; book reviews; special issues. **Target audience:** Anyone involved in primary health care, social work and the promotion of health. **Frequency:** Bimonthly. Print and online. **Editor:** Karen Luker. **Contact details:** Health and Social Care in the Community, NPCRDC, 5th Floor, Williamson Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL, UK. Tel: +44 161 275 7564, Fax: +44 161 275 7563, email: Anne.Kerr@manchester.ac.uk

**Instructions to authors:** <http://www.wiley.com/bw/submit.asp?ref=0966-0410&site=1> . **Website:** [www.interscience.wiley.com/journal/hsc](http://www.interscience.wiley.com/journal/hsc)

### ◆ Nursing Ethics Journal

Nursing Ethics takes a practical approach to this complex subject and relates each topic to the working environment. The articles on ethical and legal issues are written in a comprehensible style. The international Editorial Board ensures the selection of a wide range of high quality articles of global significance. This extensive journal covers highly relevant issues including:

- \* End of life care
- \* Cross-cultural ethical issues
- \* Current health policies
- \* Developments in health care
- \* Moral stress and distress
- \* Practical ethical care issues
- \* Patients Rights/Public Welfare
- \* Management/Inter-professional Relations
- \* Qualitative and quantitative studies

Target audience: Nursing Ethics is an international resource for nurses, midwives, health visitors and professionals in related disciplines.

**Frequency:** 6 times per year - January, March, May, July, September, November.

**Editor:** Ann Gallagher. Editorial Administrator, Edwina Rowling.

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**Instructions to authors:** <http://nej.sagepub.com/>

**Website:** <http://nej.sagepub.com/>

## Funding Opportunities

### ◆ Big Lottery Awards for all opens

A BIG new-look Awards for All programme was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> April as the BIG Lottery Fund opens its own new version of the highly popular small grants scheme in England and Wales.

BIG's *Awards for All* programme will be the Fund's biggest-ever commitment to a small grant scheme supporting community projects, offering a more easily accessible programme with even quicker decision times.

In Wales grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available with a total of **£2.4 million** available. The programme aims to make a difference to communities and the lives of those most in need and will focus on social and environmental projects that benefit local communities.

The new easy-to-use application form, available in English and Welsh, can be downloaded, filled in and emailed direct to the Big Lottery Fund as well as being available in hard copy.

**Applications:** application forms are available from [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk) or phone 0845 4 10 20 30 for all enquiries.

#### ◆ NIHR Public Health Research Programme - Call for Proposals

Deadline: 3rd June 2009, before 1pm

The Public Health Research (PHR) programme has been set up by the National Institute for Health Research to evaluate public health interventions. The programme provides new knowledge on the benefits, cost-effectiveness, acceptability and wider impacts of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health. We are pleased to announce that the Public Health Research programme's outline proposal form is now available on our website, [www.phr.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk) for researcher-led proposals. Potential applicants should visit the Public Health Research programme's website [www.phr.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk) for further information and guidance on the programme and the application process. Email enquiries can be sent to [info@phr.ac.uk](mailto:info@phr.ac.uk) or phone enquiries can be directed to 023 8059 9697. Please note, researchers from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - as well as England - are eligible to apply to the Public Health Research programme.

#### ◆ AHRC - (Arts and Humanities Research Council)

Applicants can submit standard, speculative and early career research grant applications at any time without having to worry about submitting for specific deadlines. Research Grants - Route for Speculative Research The broad aim of this route is to support high-quality research where the speculative, experimental or exploratory nature of the work means that results or outcomes are uncertain or cannot be guaranteed, or where a significant degree of risk is involved. It is anticipated that the projects supported through this route will be distinct from those normally supported in the competitive environment of the Standard Route of the Research Grants scheme. The speculative research route provides grants for projects with a full economic cost (fEC) between £20,000 and £200,000 for a varying duration up to a limit of 60 months. Please note that the assessment process for a Research Grants scheme application (Standard, Speculative and Early Career routes) takes approximately 30 weeks and the earliest start date for a project should be no earlier than 9 months after submission to the AHRC.

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/RG-SpeculativeResearch.aspx>

#### ◆ Community Funding Grants

Would you like to...

- Improve the structure of the building
- Refurbish the kitchen
- Upgrade fire safety provisions
- Upgrade health & safety/security provisions
- Provide facilities for the disabled e.g. improved access
- Upgrade electrical, drainage & lighting systems
- Install double glazing windows/doors
- Install energy efficiency measures

Grants of up to £5,000 are now available! Contact information:

Neighbourhood Regeneration, Strategic Planning and Environment

Cardiff Council, County Hall, Cardiff CF10 4UW

Tel: (029) 2087 2107 Email: [j.barratt@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:j.barratt@cardiff.gov.uk)

## Events

### ◆ Public Policy Exchange Conference

A Public Policy Exchange conference, entitled Transforming Disabled Children's Services through Partnership <<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/9E14-PPE.php>> will take place on Thursday 14th May 2009 at The Academy Conference Centre, Holiday Inn Regent's Park, London. The conference will address the stark gap between national policy and local reality for disabled children, the Government launched *Aiming High for Disabled Children* (AHDC) in May 2007 – A radical transformation programme for disabled children's services, supported by £430 million of funding over three years from 2008-2011.

A year into the AHDC funding programme, this timely conference hosted by the *Centre for Parliamentary Studies*, provides an invaluable opportunity for local practitioners and stakeholders to assess the progress made in transforming disabled children's services and consider the barriers that still need to be overcome, particularly in light of the current economic climate. Delegates will discuss how the AHDC Programme and its substantial funding can be implemented fully and effectively through a coherent partnership between local authorities, health, education and social services to achieve an effective, personal and tailored service for disabled children and their families.

For further details refer to the official website <<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk>> for this and other forthcoming PPE events.

### ◆ Hallmarks of a well run charity

WCVA, in partnership with Watts Gregory LLP accountants and the Charity Commission, will be presenting a half day seminar: Hallmarks of a well run charity - regulatory and accounting essentials, to be held at Baltic House, Cardiff on 30 April. This innovative seminar will review both the governance and financial management issues identified by the Commission's Hallmarks publication, essential for the sound running of any charity. For further information on the conference click on the following link:

[http://www.wcva.org.uk/all/dsp\\_event\\_details.cfm?eventid=1252&display\\_sitetexti](http://www.wcva.org.uk/all/dsp_event_details.cfm?eventid=1252&display_sitetexti)

[d=110&display\\_sitedeptid=3](#). For a copy of the booking form please contact:  
WCVA Events on 029 2043 1724 or [eventsadmin@wcva.org.uk](mailto:eventsadmin@wcva.org.uk)

## Training Events

### ◆ Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Wales

Date: 18-19 May 2009

Times: 8.45 a.m. for 9.00 a.m. start, finishes at 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Jasmine Centre, Treseder Way, Ely, Cardiff CS5 5BQ

Cost: £86 per person (price includes a certificate of attendance and a copy of the MHFA (Wales) manual).

This 12 hour Mental Health First Aid (Wales) course is part of the national training programme for Wales and its partners include the Welsh Assembly Government, Health Challenge Wales and Mind Cymru.

Comparisons can be drawn between Mental Health First Aid and Emergency First Aid. In both cases members of the public can offer immediate aid and support the person to get appropriate help. MHFA improves mental health literacy and helps people to recognise the signs and symptoms of someone with mental health problems; to respond to various mental health crises, engage with, support and signpost people to appropriate professional help.

MHFA aims to help participants:

- Preserve life where a person may be a danger to themselves or others
- Provide help to prevent a mental health problem developing into a more serious state
- Promote recovery of good mental health
- Provide comfort to a person experiencing mental health distress

Contact: Adele Goodwin, Training & Consultancy Manager

Cardiff & Vale Coalition of Disabled People, 60 Cowbridge Road West, Ely,

Cardiff, CF5 5BS, Email: [adele@cvcdp.org](mailto:adele@cvcdp.org), Tel: 02920 255611 or 01633 430608

### ◆ Writing in healthcare.

Tŷ Newydd, the National Writers' Centre for Wales, and Gwynedd Council's

Community Arts Unit are working in partnership to develop writing in healthcare.

The partnership would like to hear from any writers who have experience of working in the field or who wish to learn about the sector so that a list of writing in health care opportunities can be drawn up.

There is a growing recognition of the positive effect the arts can have on wellbeing and several arts in health projects have been held in Gwynedd in recent years, particularly in the visual arts and music.

This recent partnership will aim to develop a framework for training and work experience for Welsh writers interested in using creative writing in healthcare situations and to set up a network of information and support for writers in healthcare in Wales. The Writers in Healthcare project is supported by the Arts Council of Wales Lottery Fund.

*A Writing in Healthcare* course was held at Tŷ Newydd in November 2008 which acted as an introduction to the theory and practice of using the literary arts as an integral part of healthcare. Participants experienced the different ways writing can be used with patients, clients and in educational or community settings.

This was the first step in developing writing in healthcare locally and awarded a Gwynedd based writer a bursary to attend the course and also offered a work experience placement. This course will be offered again in November 2009.

Interested writers should contact Sally Baker, Ty Newydd's Executive Director on: [sally@tynewydd.org](mailto:sally@tynewydd.org). Tŷ Newydd Llanystumdwy Cricieth Gwynedd LL52 0LW 01766 522811 01766 523095. [www.tynewydd.org](http://www.tynewydd.org)

#### ◆ African Community Centre Information days

As part of our ongoing health and wellbeing project, the African Community Centre will be holding health and wellbeing themed information days in all the Communities First wards in Swansea. In line with the Health and Wellbeing agenda for Swansea, the days are expected to raise awareness of health and wellbeing services, thus helping to increase access and uptake of such services

in the general poplars and ethnic minority communities in particular. Below are the proposed dates and respective wards for the events.

- Castle 24/04/09
- Sketty Park 09/05/09
- Port Tenant 22/05/09
- Clydach 05/06/09
- Penlan 19/06/09
- Clase/Caemawr 03/07/09
- Bleanymaes 17/07/09
- Bonymaen 31/07/09
- Townhill 14/08/09
- Morryston 28/08/09

The above dates are still subject to change, except for Castle and Sketty Park which venues have been confirmed. If you are interested in participating please contact; Innocent C. Chimba, Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, African Community Centre, Working together to break barriers, Tel: 01792 470298 Fax: 01792 483820

◆ **Gwent Association for the Blind**

**Wales & West Vision conference 2009**

Thursday 11th June, 2009

Main Hall, University of Newport, Caerleon Campus, Newport, South Wales, NP18 3NT.

This unique one-day conference is aimed at anyone involved in eye health and supporting people with sight loss, across the public, voluntary and private sector. This conference will bring professionals together from all sectors working to prevent sight loss and those providing services to people with sight loss. The conference is a wonderful opportunity to find out about innovative and leading edge research which has been taking place in the UK. It is also an opportunity for professionals from different organisations to meet and share ideas and discuss the future and the way forward. Speakers will include leading professionals in the field of eye health, the key-note speaker being Professor

David Shima, Rothes Professor of Translational Vision Research, Institute of Ophthalmology, University College London, speaking on Breakthroughs in the Pharmacological Treatment of Age-Related Vision Loss. There will also be an exhibition at lunchtime of technology companies and other organisations in the field of sight loss. Conference fee : £90 per delegate or £80 if two or more come from the same organisation

To book a place please contact: Nirmala Pisavadia, Development Manager, Gwent Association for the Blind, Bradbury House, Park Buildings, Pontypool NP4 6JH, Tel : 01495 763650 Fax : 01495 764650, e-mail: [Nirmala@gwentblind.org](mailto:Nirmala@gwentblind.org)

◆ **Women's Studies Summer School: GENDER, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

*@ the College of Education and Lifelong Learning, Bangor University*

**Gender, Equality and Diversity** is a 30 credits module on the well-established **MA Women's Studies** course at Bangor University. This module will be of particular interest to: (1) those working with equality and diversity issues in the public, private or third sector, (2) those interested in developing a greater understanding of gender, equality and diversity issues in their own lives, (3) those interested in further study at postgraduate level. The module may be taken as part of the **MA Women's Studies** programme, or as a free-standing module in its own right. It will be delivered by a combination of university staff and guest lecturers, and will use a range of participatory teaching methods, including seminars, workshops and lectures. Fee is £552 for the module. Deadline for applications - 15 June 2009 For further information and an application form please complete the slip below and return to: Laura Pritchard-Jones, Lifelong Learning, Bangor University, Dean Street, Bangor LL57 1UT. Tel: 01248 382708 email: [ll@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:ll@bangor.ac.uk)

## Consultations

◆ **Tertiary Services -**

The Minister for Health and Social Services has issued a further Consultation Paper on the future of specialised and tertiary services, as part of the NHS

Reforms Programme. The Consultation Paper is being issued electronically for a twelve week consultation period; up to the **19 June 2009**. It is available on both the Welsh Assembly Government and Health of Wales Information Site websites or contact: Fiona Ruth Harris, Information and Support Adviser  
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[www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk)

#### ◆ Race Equality First

If you work for a community or other voluntary group in Cardiff and/or the Vale of Glamorgan which has an interest in equality issues the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Equality and Human Rights Network wants to hear from you!

The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan EHRN was recently established to provide a forum for representatives from all parts of the equality community in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Please take a moment to visit the 'Have Your Say' section at our website: <http://www.ehrnetwork.org/have-your-say/> and take a look at our Protocol of Understanding. We want to know if you agree with what is outlined in it and any other comments you have on the new network.

The purpose of the network is to share information, implement and refine services to a high standard, and to work collectively to influence policy with a view to promoting the equalities agenda as a whole. More information about the network, including the network's core members can be found at

<http://www.ehrnetwork.org>

For more information contact: Ceri Jones - Equalities Partnership Officer  
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W: <http://www.ehrnetwork.org>

## Job Opportunities

## ◆ ABCD Cymru

Empowering Black And Minority Ethnic Disabled Children And Young People

Job title: Participation And Engagement Officer, 21 Hours per Week, Salary:

£12,960 (gross), per annum, two year fixed term contract

ABCD Cymru is looking for an experienced, confident and enthusiastic individual to work with BME disabled children, young people and their parents/family carers to help support them to participate in processes affecting their lives. You should have good knowledge of barriers to participation, as well as excellent organisational and communication skills.

For an application pack send a large SAE to cover the cost of either: a Large 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp or a Large 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp to the following address:

ABCD Cymru, 62 Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2GG. For an electronic application pack send an email to: [Info@ABCDcymru.org.uk](mailto:Info@ABCDcymru.org.uk). An enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check will be sought for the successful candidate.

Closing date for receipt of applications is: 24 April 2009.

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