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Research News & Information

PRIAE - Policy Research Institute on Aging and Ethnicity
<http://www.priae.org/>

Ageing Actively In Minority Communities (AIM)

The Ageing Actively in Minority Ethnic Communities (AIM) Project has been funded by the Department of Health for the past three years (April 2005 - April 2008). The project **Activates, Inspires and Motivates (AIM)** black and minority ethnic (BME) elders to be more active - working **with them** rather than **on them**. The AIM Project engages BME elders and promotes active ageing by advocating culturally sensitive physical activities. It builds on PRIAE's BAFTA launched film, playing our part after 50, which showed ageing actively is something that BME elders do in different walks of life.

With the help of 10 key BME community-based projects and 40 older BME individuals, PRIAE commissioned True North Productions to produce the 'Get Active Today' DVD. Elders from the South Asian, African, African Caribbean and Chinese communities demonstrate a range of culturally sensitive physical activities, which are appropriate for older people in their communities and they highlight the benefits of being active. Professor Jim McKenna of Leeds Metropolitan University, Carnegie Research Institute, Centre for Active Lifestyles provided the voice over and his team helped to shape the DVD.

The DVD is a motivational resource which **Activates, Inspires and Motivates** BME elders to be more active. It highlights

the effective work already being done in this area by community-based organisations and in people's own homes - from being active in dance, games, exercise, walking, and simply having an attitude of 'living well'. Different settings have also been considered - from community-led activities and gyms to home based chair exercises. In addition, the DVD includes the benefits of active ageing, barriers that BME elders face when trying to access mainstream physical activities and bring these to the attention of local and national agencies working in the field of active ageing.

The DVD was officially launched at the Victoria Hall, Leeds Town Hall on the 27th March 2008.

The funding for the project ended in March 2008. However, copies of the DVD are available by completing an order form. PRIAE requests a donation of £1.50 per DVD plus p&p. [Click here to download the order form](#)

New SLEH article - Sickle Cell Disorder 2008

July is **Sickle Cell Awareness Month**. SLEH has published an article by Karl Atkin, Chair of Public Outreach Committee, National Screening Programme for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Disorders, reflecting on the growing evidence base that now exists. [[view article](#)]

See also recent SLEH articles on ethnic aspects of colorectal cancer [[view article](#)], schizophrenia [[view article](#)], rheumatoid arthritis [[view article](#)] and palliative care [[view article](#)].

Funding News

Action Medical Research - Fellowships

Action Medical Research invites applications for fellowships and project grants for training in research techniques and methodology in a subject relevant to the overall aims of the charity. Applicants have an opportunity to undertake a period of research training that will be relevant to their future careers. With the exception of cancer, cardiovascular and HIV/AIDS research, Action Medical Research supports a broad spectrum of research with the objective of preventing disease and disability (affecting all age groups) and

alleviating physical disability, with an emphasis on clinical research or research at the clinical/basic interface. Please note, Action Medical Research is not a research institution itself, and cannot offer research facilities to candidates.

Research Training Fellowships RTF

These fellowships are personal awards for the training of young, talented medical and non-medical graduates. Closing date for receipt of outline proposals: end of August 2008 (to be confirmed).

Contact: Action Medical Research

Email: rtf@action.org.uk

Website: www.action.org.uk/research_projects/

The Nuffield Foundation - New Career Development Fellowships

Deadline for applications: 1st September 2008.

The Nuffield Foundation invites outline applications for its social science new career development fellowships. The scheme supports postdoctoral social scientists that have the potential to become outstanding in their field, yet are still in the early stages of their career. Awards are made for research projects on issues of contemporary social significance developed and carried out in partnership with established social scientists. The scheme offers postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to take a change of direction, e.g. through the acquisition of a substantive new body of knowledge, whether or not within the fellow's primary discipline, or of an additional substantial methodology or skill. Candidates must have been successfully examined for a PhD before applying for a fellowship and have no more than five years academic experience since their PhD award. Fellows should be based within a UK university department, a research team or centre in a university, or an independent research centre. The research partner may be based at the same or a different UK institution as the fellow. Fellowships are worth up to £170,000 over three years in total. This includes a grant of up to £25,000 in support of the senior researcher partner.

http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grants/ncdf/page_127.html

ESRC 'Understanding Individual Behaviour': First Call for Proposals

About the 'Understanding Individual Behaviours' Research Challenge Call for Proposals: UIB Exploratory Networks In conjunction with the Medical Research Council and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, this call is for new bids for pump priming activities to support Exploratory Networks.

The pump priming funding is intended to encourage the development of interdisciplinary networks, innovative research ideas, the conduct of pilot and proof of principle studies as preliminary investigations, and putting together more substantial bids for funding of interdisciplinary collaborations. Details of the call are available on the

Deadline for applications: 4pm, 23rd September 2008.

ESRC current funding opportunities webpage:

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_f

INTEGRATED HEALTH AWARDS 2008 - NOW OPEN

Deadline: 29th August 2008, 5pm.

The Prince's Foundation for Integrated Health calls for ground-breaking, accessible initiatives to enter its 2008 Integrated Health Awards. By shining a spotlight on projects and practitioners with an innovative and imaginative approach to health and wellbeing, the Integrated Health Awards aim to encourage the spread of integrated health. There are four awards on offer this year, looking for the best integrated health projects across the UK. Any organisation - whether a school, workplace, healthcare or community service - can apply if they take an approach that focuses on the whole person and provide an environment that helps users achieve optimal health and wellbeing.

The four categories are:

1. The England Award, Sponsored by the Department of Health
- 2 The Northern Ireland Award, Sponsored by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Services, Northern Ireland
3. The Wales Award, Sponsored by the Welsh Assembly Government
4. The Scotland Award, Sponsorship tbc

The winner of each category will receive prize money of £2,500. For details of how to enter the awards and apply online please visit http://www.fih.org.uk/what_we_do/integrated_health_awards/integrated_healthhtml

NEW FUNDING BODY TO SUPPORT WOMEN`S ISSUES

The first UK-wide fund devoted exclusively to championing and investing in charities working with women and girls was launched on 10th June 2008. It will tackle key issues - safety, economic justice, health and well being, and equal representation - by giving small grants to enable positive change at the grassroots and strategic level and tackle women's inequality at its source. The new organisation, Rosa, will begin making grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 in 2009 and will be developing its funding criteria and grant application procedure over the next few months. Further details are available from <http://www.rosauk.org>

Events

International Women's Day 2008

International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900s. It has grown into a special day for promoting women's rights and participation in political and economic processes. Thousands of events are now held throughout the world on the 8 March every year to inspire women and celebrate their achievements.

In 2007, the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) provided financial support to seven events that were held across Wales to celebrate the economic, social, cultural and political achievements of women. For 2008, WAG will again be seeking bids from organisations to hold events celebrating International Women's Day.

The theme for 2008 in Wales will be 'Celebrating the Heritage of Women in Wales'. Application form: [International Women's Day 2008 - Grant Application Form](#) (MS Word, 164KB)
[International Women's Day 2008 - Grant Application Form](#) (PDF, 59KB)

If you need further information, please contact the [Strategic Equality & Diversity Unit](#)

CRC Cymru Co-ordinating Centre Training and Education 2008

15 Sep 08, "Communication skills in RCT (5-7)", St Asaph
23 Sep 08, "Research methodology - AWARD", Cardiff 30 Sep
08, "Communication skills in RCT (5-7)", Cardiff
07 Oct 08, "Involving people", St Asaph
08 Oct 08, "Critical appraisal - AWARD", St Asaph
14 Oct 08, "GCP for investigators & Update GCP", St Asaph
05 Nov 08, "Informed consent", Cardiff
11 Nov 08, "GCP for new staff", Port Talbot
27 Nov 08, "Communication skills in RCT (1-4)", Cardiff
04 Dec 08, "Communication skills in research", Cardiff 10
Dec 08, "Research proposal development and implementation
(AWARD)", Cardiff

Contact: Libby Batt, CRC Cymru Training and Development Lead
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Website: www.crc-cymru.wales.nhs.uk/

CASS Short Course Programme

The CASS programme for 2008/09 is out now and includes the following courses:

- * Questionnaire Design (by Pam Campanelli)
- * Policy Evaluation (by John Micklewright)
- * Essentials of Survey Design and Implementation (by Pam Campanelli)
- * Missing Data Methods: Multiple Imputation and Inverse Probability Weighting
- * Survey Data Analysis 1: Introducing Descriptive and Inferential Statistics
- * Survey Data Analysis II: Introduction to Linear Regression Modelling
- * Regression Methods for Survey Data
- * Longitudinal Data Analysis
- * Designing Effective Web Surveys (by Mick Couper)
- * Handling Nonresponse in Sample Surveys (by Jelke Bethlehem)

Courses are usually 2-3 days long, vary from introductory to more advanced levels and use interactive teaching methods responsive to course participant's backgrounds and needs. Courses will be held in Southampton, London, Belfast, Bristol and Edinburgh and will be taught by highly qualified staff, who are international experts in their fields. Courses are aimed at academic social scientists and applied researchers in government, market research and the independent and voluntary sectors. They provide guidance and workshop practice for researchers who face practical

survey tasks, such as how to draw a sample, design a questionnaire or analyse survey data. Further information from here: <http://www.sssri.soton.ac.uk/cass/programme.php>. If you have any further questions you can email us under cass@southampton.ac.uk

Effective use of Patient Stories for Improving Patient Care (WEST)

16 September 2008 at The National Botanic Garden of Wales, Llanarthne, Carmms

Event to raise awareness of the use and benefits of using patient stories to improve patient care and service delivery

Topics include:

What are patient stories?

Effective listening

How to undertake a patient story

How to map a patient story

How to use patient stories to improve patient care and services

Flyer: [Effective use of Patient Stories for Improving Patient care WEST](#)

For further information or an application form please contact Rhona Workman at RCN Wales, Ty Maeth, King George V Drive East, Cardiff, CF14 4XZ. Tel: 029 2075 1373 or 0845 456 7875 Fax: 029 2075 6737 or E-mail: rhona.workman@rcn.org.uk

Learning From Healthy Living Centres

Two Events to Discuss Key Findings from the UK and Wales Evaluations South Wales Event: October 1st 2008 (9:00am - 1:00pm) North Wales Event: 24th September 2008 (1:00pm - 5:00pm) The Wales branch of the Social Research Association (SRA Cymru) and the Wales branch of the UK Evaluation Society (Evaluation Cymru) are pleased to announce two forthcoming events - which are being organised in co-operation with the Big Lottery Fund and the Welsh Assembly Government. The events will focus on key findings and lessons learnt from recent evaluations of Healthy Living Centres. For further information please contact Nia Lloyd (Information and Events Officer) Tel: 02920 678233. Email: nia.lloyd@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Career Opportunities

ABCD - Empowering Black and Minority Ethnic Disabled Children and Young People

Website: www.ABCDCymru.org.uk

Events Administrator (21 HOURS PER WEEK)

Salary: £12,209 (gross) per annum. One year fixed term contract. Closing date for receipt of applications is: 11 August 2008

For an application pack please send a large SAE to the value of 52p (a Large 1st class stamp) or 42p (a Large 2nd class stamp) to the following address: ABCD Cymru, 62 Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2GG. Postal applications only - This post is funded by BBC Children in Need.

An enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check will be sought for the successful candidate.

Children and Young People's Research Network for Wales

Co-ordinator. 35 hours p/wk, until 31 March 2010
£28,595

This Welsh Office of Research and Development funded post is based in Cardiff and will:

- Progress the objectives of the Network and coordinate its work in all aspects of children's health and social care
- Promote collaboration between multi-disciplinary researchers and include the engagement of practitioners and service users
- Develop a database of research and advise and support researchers on funding and methodology.

Applicants will have experience of research administration and an understanding of research methodology and processes, strong written and oral communication skills and excellent IT skills.

Closing date: 4 August 2008

For an application pack visit www.childreninwales.org.uk, call 029 2034 2434, or e-mail vacancies@childreninwales.org.uk

Research Vacancies, National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETS-CC)

Various salaries, posts based in Southampton.

The mission of NETS-CC is to provide a single research management centre meeting the stakeholder needs of the research programmes it coordinates, and providing scientific quality to all aspects of the research management process. Research programmes are being established alongside the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme and the Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme, both run from within NETS-CC. These will include the new Public Health Research (PHR) programme and the existing Service Delivery and Organisation (SDO) programme, with future opportunities also likely in broader health services research and other areas. During this time of expansion, there are many posts being advertised, including:

- i) Manager, Health Research
- ii) Senior Manager, Health Research
- iii) Assistant Directors, Health Research Management - NCCPHR / NCCSDO&HSR
- iv) Senior Managers Health Research Management - NCCPHR / NCCSDO&HSR
- v) Managers Health Research Management - NCCPHR / NCCSDO&HSR
- vi) Health Research Management and Senior Research Fellow

In addition to the positions currently advertised, we will welcome your CV in anticipation of future roles.

Contact: Mandeep Sidhu

Tel: 02380 597159

Email: M.Sidhu@soton.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.managerresearch.org.uk/vacancies.htm>

Closing date for applications: 7 August, although future dates are likely

Clinical Research Facilitator, Medicines for Children Research Network, Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Trust

Agenda for Change Band 6. 24,103 - 28,141GBP. This job is based at University Hospital North Staffordshire.

The Network is looking to appoint a Clinical Research Facilitator based at University Hospital of North Staffordshire in Stoke-on-Trent. Full time is required but part time or job share may be considered. The post-holder will assist in setting up, supporting and running new and existing clinical studies at sites in the north region of the West Midlands, recruiting and supporting children and their families whilst collecting and documenting data according to research governance standards and UK Regulations.

Contact: Liz Jones (Research Nurse), Tel: 01782 662579, or Louise Stewart (Network Manager), Tel: 0121 333 8749
Website: <http://www.jobs.ac.uk>, reference number 284-HS180-08

Closing date for applications: 11 August 2008

Editor, Nurse Researcher

Nurse Researcher, the quarterly international peer reviewed journal published by the Royal College of Nursing Publishing Company, is seeking an external Editor who is currently an expert in the field of nursing research. This journal publishes articles on research methodology and other topical issues in research and healthcare. The appointee will:

- * Promote and act as an ambassador for the journal
- * Liaise with the managing editor on general trends and issues and how the journal should develop
- * Come into the office on one or two occasions a year to attend the annual Editorial Advisory Board meeting and twice yearly publisher's business meetings
- * Ensure that the content of the journal is up to date and relevant
- * Be able to commission the regular columns
- * Write the editorial for each issue
- * Plan themes in advance and commission articles to fit the theme
- * Read all submissions and choose a suitable reviewer and decide on publication

An annual honorarium is offered with this position. If you are interested please send your CV and a covering letter to

Contact: Julie Sylvester, Managing Editor, Nurse Researcher, RCN Publishing Company, The Heights, 59-65 Lowlands Road, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex HA1 3AW.

Email: Julie.sylvester@rcnpublishing.co.uk

Website: <http://nurseresearcher.rcnpublishing.co.uk/>

Closing date: 12 September 2008

Play Fellow Vacancy - Swansea University Centre for Child Research

This post is funded by the Children's Research Network. The postholder will be required to support the development of new and innovative research in the area of play.

Fixed term part-time post (70%) from late August 2008 to 31st March 2010.

For informal enquiries, contact: a.j.fawcett@swansea.ac.uk

[Click here](#) for an application form and details.

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