



Wales Equality and Diversity in Health and Social
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Research News & Information

■ User Involvement

INVOLVE - Promoting public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research.

INVOLVE is a programme of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and was established to promote public involvement in research, in order to improve the way that research is prioritised, commissioned, undertaken, communicated and used. They believe that research which reflects the needs and views of the public is more likely to produce results that can be used to improve practice in health and social care. A quarterly newsletter is produced.

The latest issue of INVOLVE newsletter includes articles on:

- Involving young people in public health research
- Children and young people engaging in their own research
- Involving children and young people in health care settings Highlighted publications:
- Getting ready for user involvement in a systematic review
- Health researchers' attitudes towards public involvement in health research

- The research dance: university and community research collaborations at Yarrabah, North Queensland, Australia
- Dancing to our own tunes: Reassessing black and minority ethnic mental health service user involvement

Website: <http://www.invo.org.uk/>

■ Public Health Information Service Newsletter (Health Promotion Library)

The latest version (Issue 3) of the Health Promotion Library newsletter is now available at:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/health/ocmo/publications/library/newsletter1/?lang=en>

The current issue contains articles and reports on Health Inequalities among others.

Funding Opportunities

■ Research Funding - Short Training Course Bursaries, Cancer Research UK

The total requested grant should be less than 1,000GBP. To fund travel costs and registration fees for attending short training courses (e.g. oncology workshops, special skills training courses, training courses for a new technique). Open to UK based clinicians, nurses or researchers with an interest in oncology. The bursary cannot be used to support attendance at conferences.

Website: <http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/Queries/ListGrantDetails.asp?GrantId=6689>

Applications are accepted at anytime.

■ World Health Organisation (WHO) Patient safety small research grants

WHO invites applications for the 2009 Small Grants Research Programme. This project has been set up to stimulate research on patient safety priority areas by providing seed funding for small research projects. In addition, it is envisaged that the initiative will contribute to building local research capacity and will help raise awareness about patient safety. The programme focuses on applied research.

Applications that attempt to identify local solutions, or evaluate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of existing solutions are especially welcomed.

Website: <http://www.who.int/patientsafety/research/grants/en/index.html>

The closing date is 30 September 2009.

■ BIG Lottery response to regenerate recession-hit communities in Wales

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) – the largest distributor of National Lottery good-causes funding – has announced a package of measures worth an estimated £5.5 million, including an additional £2.5 million pot of new money, to help Welsh communities combat the effects of the recession. The new '**Recession Package**' contains three elements aimed at providing a rapid response to the effects of the credit crunch on communities and support to those voluntary and charitable organisations currently providing essential advice services to members of the public. Recent reports highlight that organisations such as the Citizens' Advice Bureaux and other advice agencies have recorded sharp and sustained increases in the demand for advice about debt and income problems, with a significant proportion of their clients displaying recognised characteristics of poverty. In response, the first element of the Recession Package will see BIG offering grants of up to **£50,000** over two years to voluntary organisations and charities currently providing advice services. A total of **£2 million** will be available to enable these organisations to recruit and train additional members of staff and expand their services to meet this extra demand, providing people with improved access to the advice and support they need.

Applications will be invited from organisations providing advice services including (but not limited to) benefits advice, financial literacy, debt advice and advice on mental health and domestic violence issues. Under the second element of the package, BIG is making **£500,000** available to top-up awards to existing grant holders who have demonstrated that their project is suffering as a direct result of the recession. And last but not least, **BIG's People and Places** programme will also adopt 'recession' as a priority when deciding which projects to fund. The People and Places award-making Committee has agreed to prioritise applications for projects which are likely to support communities withstand the impact of the recession. This will be implemented from the Committee's **September 2009** meeting and it is

estimated that this should result in grants of up to **£3 million** being made available to projects which provide direct support to communities most affected by the recession.

For further information about the People and Places programme and the recession package, please visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or call the Big Lottery Fund helpline on 01686 611 700.

Further Information

Big Lottery Fund Press Office – Oswyn Hughes: 02920 678 207

Out of hours contact: 07760171431, Public Enquiries Line: 08454 102030

Textphone: 0845 6021 659. Full details of the Big Lottery Fund programmes and grant awards are available on the website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Events

■ Breast Cancer Care

Breast Cancer Care promotes the importance of early detection of breast cancer and provides accurate answers to questions about breast health. We believe that up to date information, based on clinical evidence, builds confidence and helps people take control of their health.

We are delivering a FREE one day training course for practice nurses in Cardiff on 7th October 2009.

The course is designed to update your knowledge on breast awareness and enable you to talk to patients about how to be breast aware and discuss breast cancer risk. The training is interactive and we will provide you with training resources that you can use with your patients and colleagues.

Topics covered will include:

- Attitudes towards breasts
- What is breast awareness?
- The difference between breast awareness and breast self examination.

- Barriers to breast awareness.
- Breast cancer risk
- Breast screening.

For more information or to book a place please contact Uzma Khan or email on uzma.khan@breastcancercare.org.uk. To find out more about Breast Cancer Care and the work we do go to www.breastcancercare.org.uk .

■ Learning Disability Wales

How to make your voice heard - 25th September 9.45am – 12.45pm in Cardiff

This event will look at how the Welsh Assembly Government and National Assembly for Wales work. It will increase your ability to influence national, regional policy and raise issues that are important to you.

Speakers:

Suzanne Pomeroy, Constitutional Affairs Legal Management, Welsh Assembly Government will provide an overview of the Government of Wales Act & what it means to you.

Michelle Matheron, Senior Policy Officer, WCVA will look at basic tools and techniques for lobbying decision and policy makers to get your point across

Cheri Kelly, Outreach Manager, Mid Wales, External Communications, the National Assembly for Wales will provide an overview of to raise issues which are important to you with the National Assembly for Wales.

Rev. Aled Edwards, Committee Member, All Wales Convention explain about the work that has been done looking at the future governance of Wales and its primary law making power. The event is designed for people with a learning disability, family supporters, advocates, support workers and anyone interested in influencing Welsh policy. Booking & Fees: Members £5.00, Non members £10.00

People with learning disabilities/Family Carer/Paid Carer accompanying person with learning disabilities £5.00.

All fees include VAT at 15%. To book places please complete visit our web site

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■ **ESRC genomics network conference, 'mapping the genomic era: measurements and meanings'**

City Hall, Cardiff, 7th - 9th October 2009. This conference will provide an opportunity to develop the debate and dialogue around current and future developments in the life sciences, between academics working in a broad range of social science disciplines and associated stakeholders, including natural and biomedical scientists and policymakers. The Conference Programme is available on the website:

<http://www.genomicsnetwork.ac.uk/cesagen/events/esrcgenomicsnetworkconference2009/conferenceprogramme>

■ **Motivational Interviewing**

Mercure Holland House Hotel, Cardiff, 3rd - 4th November 2009.

Any practitioner in health or social care, manager, researcher or policy maker interested in behaviour change is invited to attend this 1 day symposium on Motivational Interviewing (MI), and/or to attend a skills based workshop the following day. For more information visit:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/580/Flyer%20MI%20Symposium%20a>

■ **Children and Young People's Research Conference Annual Conference, Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff, 5th November 2009.**

The conference will combine presentations by key speakers on health related research themes and opportunities for delegates to review emerging research across the Network via a research poster exhibition. This Conference is FREE of charge. For further information, please visit:

[http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/580/CYPN%20Research%20Network%](http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/580/CYPN%20Research%20Network%20)

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