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SOCIAL WORK TEACHING PARTNERSHIP

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EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE & WELL-BEING CONFERENCE

In coordination with upcoming **World Social Work Day** and to celebrate our profession, the Teaching Partnership is pleased to announce that there will be a conference on **Emotional Resilience and Well-being** in social work, free to social workers and social work managers across our partnership, on **15th March 2019**.

The conference will begin with presentations from social work academics and psychologists who have completed research on emotional resilience and well-being. In the afternoon, the conference will break out into a number of workshops, chaired by experts, where social workers can access advice and skills on promoting their own well-being and developing resilience.

The conference will be held in Merton, at the Chaucer Centre and lunch will be provided on the day. Spaces are limited; you can book your ticket via eventbrite by copying the link at bottom of the page into your browser.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

The partnership has been successful in its endeavour to identify a number of research project proposals to take forward under a joint collaboration between partner employers and HEI. Yorkshire Urban and Rural Teaching Partnership's independent evaluation found that working together to identify relevant research topics to inform practice could result in benefits for all partners. Watch this space for more details on the projects!

SOCIAL WORK ENGLAND

Social Work England will be the new, regulator for all child, family and adult social workers in England, taking over from HCPC in Spring. They will have an expert understanding of the challenges facing social work, and will use this information to feed back learning into the wider system. Presently, they are in consultation with social workers and service users in order to embed their views and interests. Read more at: socialworkengland.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21/02: How to make it work: implementing change in social care
Dr Deborah Ghate (The Colebrooke Foundation) Kingston Hill Campus, FL2006, 5:30pm-7pm
Book at:
HSCE-events@sgul.kingston.ac.uk

13/03: Practice Assessor Refresher 1
Kingston University, Kingston Hill Campus, Kenry House, 10am - 1pm
For more info, contact:
dermot.brady@sgul.kingston.ac.uk

15/03: Emotional Wellbeing & Resilience Conference
The Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX, 9:30am - 4:30pm
Social work academics and psychologists speaking and facilitating workshops.
Book at link below.

20/03: Department of Social Work and Social Care 2019 Annual Conference
Kingston Hill Campus, Lawley Lecture Theatre 9am-5pm
Book at:
www.hsce-events@sgul.kingston.ac.uk

ON THE MENU

Our Academics in Practice work doesn't stop with the research projects; we have also identified a number of **Breakfast & Learn** sessions (a twist on the popular Lunch & Learns) that will be facilitated by our academic partner, Kingston University, in collaboration with a partner employer. We hope to schedule a whole series of these sessions in for this year. Although they will be hosted by rotating partner employers, these sessions will be open to all practitioners across the partnership. (Most importantly, there will be a free breakfast! Topics being planned in now are:

- Domestic Abuse
- Emotional Resilience
- Self-neglect in adults

Also coming soon are our **Enhance the Curriculum Twilight Sessions** for final year students in preparation for their ASYE employment. These sessions will be facilitated by our Teaching Consultants and aim to equip students with the skills and areas of knowledge that have historically been identified as under-developed by ASYE managers.

Keep your eyes peeled for details on how to book and, as always, please send through any suggestions you have for topics we should cover!

COLLABORATION WITH BASW



BASW will be training fourteen managers and aspiring managers from across the partnership on their Leadership & Management course, beginning in March. As part of this, we will be introducing managers' forums, to develop networks of managers across the partnership. The sessions will allow successes and challenges to be discussed, best practice to be shared, and innovation to be explored.

A WARM WELCOME TO...

Developing Together welcomes **Paul Lawrence** and **Josie Newton** on-board, as a **Practice Educator Consultant** and a **Practice Educator Development Worker**, respectively. Both will join the partnership in March and join Dale Van Graan, our existing Practice Educator Consultant.

Paul is a qualified social worker, Practice Educator and Practice Assessor and holds a master's degree in social work education. He has spent the last decade working with social work change at a regional, London and national level and he currently sits on the Skills for Care/DfE ASYE national working group. Paul has worked with Kingston University for many years as a guest lecturer and sits on various university boards and panels. He is seconded to the teaching partnership from Merton where he is Workforce and Practice Development Manager in Children's Social Care with responsibilities that include leading on student placements, the ASYE programme, social worker post-qualifying training and the L&D programme. Paul sits on the teaching partnership organisational board and on several of our workstreams.



Josie started working in the mental health field as a support worker. She qualified as a Social Worker following successful completion of her Masters, when she then joined New Malden Community Mental Health Team as a Care Coordinator. Josie says 'I have been a dedicated Mental Health Social Worker for just over 10 years,



dual diagnosis i.e. substance misuse, being a particular passion of mine. I proudly qualified as an AMHP, BIA and Practice Educator, the latter of which I have totally committed myself towards the development of excellent new social workers. I am very excited to be part of this initiative and can't wait to get started! I enjoy yoga and, swimming, supporting animal and human rights, music, laughter and am a colourful vegan! I can't wait to meet you all!

TEACHING CONSULTANTS

We now have **34 fully-fledged Teaching Consultants (TCs)**!

The TCs have been matched to modules across the BA and MSW curriculum and have begun to deliver to students. In addition, a minimum of 6 TCs have taken part in each of our student selection dates since the new assessment process was introduced in December 2018 (that's around 10 dates so far!). If that weren't enough, check out our 'On the Menu' section to see yet more enhancements to the curriculum being offered by TCs. An unintended benefit of our mission to bring these practitioners into the classroom has been the passion and enthusiasm it has reignited for them in their work, reinvigorating their own practice. In short, the TCs are an extremely valuable asset to our Teaching Partnership!



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