



DEVELOPING TOGETHER

SOCIAL WORK TEACHING PARTNERSHIP

NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Better late than never! Please accept our apologies for the late release of our second newsletter. The project team had an extended break over Christmas, but we now come to you with a jam-packed issue full of six weeks' worth of news stories and successes!

This month we have a wealth of information shared with us by Kingston University, our higher education institution (HEI) partner, as well as some exciting news about what the Teaching Partnership has recently commissioned. We are also keen to get more of you involved in developing the resources that can be accessed via our website.

Over the past few months, working with employers, real progress has been made as we move towards achieving outcomes and key performance indicators. Some of our workstream meetings are evolving into task and finish groups to deliver processes and solutions that will enhance the Teaching Partnership.

As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

STUDENT SELECTION

The newly designed student selection days for the Bachelors and Masters Social Work degrees have taken place involving academic staff as well as service users, teaching consultants and actors from the Baked Bean Company. The students being selected now will be the focus for the Teaching Partnership for the academic year 2019/20 and we look forward to watching them experience a world class social work education as well as fantastic practice placements that are being offered by our partner employers. We would like to extend special thanks to all those involved in pulling together the enhanced entry tests for these student selection days and we are already receiving great feedback from those involved on the days!

HIGHLIGHTS



We are thrilled to announce that the Teaching Partnership is funding thirteen places on the BASW Leadership and Management course - that's one place for each of our partner employers and will provide each individual with fifty professional development hours. As if that weren't enough, the Teaching Partnership has also funded fifteen spots on a Self Neglect & Adult Safeguarding conference taking place on 4 February. There was a lot of interest shown in both, and we hope to offer similar opportunities in future. We are lucky to be in a position to fund such valuable opportunities for professional development.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End March: Emotional Wellbeing & Resilience Conference

With what looks to be a fantastic line up of speakers, activities and workshops, you do not want to miss out!

Exact date and location coming soon...

20/03: Department of Social Work and Social Care 2019 Annual Conference

Kingston University, Kingston Hill Campus, Lawley Lecture Theatre 9am-5pm

Book at:

www.hsce-events@sgul.kingston.ac.uk

GET INVOLVED



Have you ever pictured yourself on the big screen? Wanted to see your name in lights? If so, then we have an offer you can't refuse! There is an exciting opportunity for social workers and social work students across our partnership to help us bring our Developing Together website to life and be involved in some of the video blogs we are planning. We are particularly interested in following a social worker on their ASYE journey, but the catch is, you'd need to put up with us for a whole year! So, if you're passionate about social work and want to be involved in our vlogs (or if you have a suggestion for a topic we could cover), please get in touch at:

admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk

If you're a bit camera shy, don't worry, we still need you. We also want to get our expert blog series up and running, so if this sounds up your street, we'd love to hear from you. Volunteer at: admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Kingston
University
London



From the Teaching Partnership's aspiration to offer an exciting and comprehensive CPD pathway stemmed the **creation of a new CIPD module; Coaching and Mentoring in Professional Practice**. This will lead to a CIPD Level 7 coaching qualification and it has been commissioned by the Teaching Partnership. We anticipate that 20 places will be available for our partners and that the course will commence in late February/early March. This module aims to equip students to mentor and coach fellow professionals at post-registration levels. It promotes critical evaluation of theoretical, professional and policy approaches to mentoring and coaching in professional practice in social work and social care. The knowledge, understanding, values and skills necessary for mentoring and coaching professional practice in social work/care and related settings are examined. Students are assisted to develop strategies and techniques to enhance their skills in coaching and mentoring professional colleagues working in different practice settings. Students are required to mentor or coach a colleague as part of the practicum for this module. If you are interested, please let your Workforce Development Lead know and shortlisting will take place in February. If you want more information on the course, please contact Dermot.Brady@sgul.kingston.ac.uk

A WARM WELCOME TO...

Hello Developing Together colleagues! I am very excited to be formally joining the Teaching Partnership, part time, as a Practice Education Development Consultant. I am a very experienced Practice Educator, with the additional benefit of having taught the programme at Kingston University for a number of years and recent experience as a clinical supervisor in statutory and PVI settings. Although I describe myself as a social worker first and foremost, I am also a proud teacher, trainer, tutor and anything to do with professional development at all levels! I look forward to helping develop our practice learning and professional development offer, resources and systems in the partnership and that will mean developing new relationships and, maybe, developing old ones in a new direction. My first focus will be on developing a celebratory PE conference on 23 April, so please save the date. We would like it to be fun and participatory, so ideas are welcome! I aim to be out and about as soon as possible, but if you have something 'practice education' to talk about that just can't wait, please do get in touch at: dale.vangraan@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk You may still see me at Kingston, as some of my work there and elsewhere will be continuing, and if you do, please say 'Hello'!



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