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Practice Education Team Newsletter September 2019

Hello to all our colleagues in the partnership!

Well, following a relatively quiet August, September has seen a definite gear change, and has brought to life many of the ideas we have been working on. We hope that some of you have managed to see us out and about!

Below are highlights from an exciting and successful month on the road....

On-site supervisor programmes

Dale van Graan (both Practice Education Consultant for the Partnership and Senior Lecturer for Kingston University) has developed two short programmes for on-site supervisors. One of the programmes is for non social work qualified on-site supervisors and is delivered at Kingston University. The other is for qualified social workers who are on-site supervisors and is being delivered in Croydon. These programmes started in early September, and the participants of both provided lots of energy and discussion, getting the programmes off to a great start! Thank you! We are so pleased to be working jointly with our partners on these programmes, and are particularly grateful to Barbara Wilson (Welcare) and Natesha Yanguba (Croydon) for co-facilitating with us.

Workshops

We have delivered 5 Practice Education workshops this month, in Croydon, Surrey, Surbiton (King Charles Centre twice) and Sutton. Again we have been so appreciative of the level of interest, focus and lively debate that has resulted from them all, as well as the support of our partner agencies in welcoming us, organising practicalities, promoting the workshops and encouraging staff to attend. I would like to specifically thank Sue Connell from Wandsworth and Bex Boswell from Surrey for their knowledge, input and time in our 'Working with Individual Difference' and 'Becoming Placement Ready' workshops .

We have more workshops to come in the upcoming months - so please look at what we are offering on the link for the flyer here.

Richmond and Wandsworth Practice Educator Event

In the middle of September, we were really pleased to be involved with the Richmond and Wandsworth Practice Educator Event, bringing together practice educators from both children's and adult's services for the first time. Thank you to Joasia Marzec and Florence Clark for organising this, and to all the other speakers and participants at the morning. It was great to hear about your experiences and ideas, and to see so many experienced PEs, trainee PEs, and potential PEs together.



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Students

It is that time of year again, when students start arriving in your teams! These are the BA third year students beginning their second placement. Both Josie and Sarah are really excited to be directly using their off-site practice educator skills again, and taking more students. They were delighted to be able to attend (most of) the pre-placement morning at Kingston University with the students - once they had found the room!

NSPCC training

Anna Holland, a consultant social worker at NSPCC and teaching consultant for the Teaching Partnership, delivered Child Sexual Exploitation training to staff from across our partner agencies. This saw workers from a variety of agencies, working in both adult's and children's services attending. This received very positive feedback and suggestions to roll out an extended version and more training on trauma are being explored by the Teaching Partnership. Thank you Anna!

Teaching Consultants - Thank you

This month also saw a Celebration Event for the partnership's Teaching Consultants. Kingston University and the Teaching Partnership wanted to mark the beginning of a new academic year by thanking the Teaching Consultants for their hard work last academic year. They also looked forward to increased involvement in teaching on social work courses this year. Students have really enjoyed the input of Teaching Consultants, and how this brings practice into the classroom. Thank you all!

Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience conference

The end of September brought the Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience conference. This was a fantastic morning looking at self care for workers in Social Care. Thanks go to Sutton's Angela Killalea and Rose Christopher who delivered a session on the Emotional Impact of Working in Social Care. This was both informative and thought provoking, and well received by those attending. Mandy Hagan also ran a session looking at our own well-being and how best to manage a work/life balance. This took those attending from the silence of mindfulness to the merriment of laughter yoga! Thanks also needs to go to the Teaching Partnership's own Sue Lansley, who coordinated this event, including providing all attendees with wellbeing good bags - Thank you Sue! And huge thanks to the many hungry cake buyers who donated in the region of £80 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

And finally....

In order to fit this on to two sides, we will stop now. But as usual we want to ensure you know how to find out more.

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THANK YOU, AND SEE YOU SOON!