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SOCIAL WORK TEACHING PARTNERSHIP

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Dear colleagues,

As we make our way out of winter and the weather starts to warm up, so does our cycle of CPD come to an end, and the new one will begin in April. We have a number of events planned, including conferences, which we are excited for colleagues to attend. We also celebrate the achievements of colleagues within the team and across the partnership in their accomplishments in research, which will be presented at different conferences.

With the deadline approaching for Step Up applications to be submitted, we look forward to selecting and welcoming the next cohort of students!

We hope that the change of seasons brings bright things for everyone, and that you enjoy the latest iteration of our newsletter.

The TP Team

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CPD Offer 2023-24

We have just released the first iteration of our CPD Brochure for 2023-24! If you work for one of our primary partner agencies, you should book via the links in the Teaching Partnership's annual CPD Brochure - your Workforce Development Team can provide you with a copy, or you can email us at admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk for a copy directly. You can also [click here](#) to sign up for CPD Updates going forward.



The brochure cover features the Developing Together logo on the left, the title 'DEVELOPING TOGETHER SOCIAL WORK TEACHING PARTNERSHIP' in the center, and the CPD Accredited logo on the right. Below the title, it states 'Continuing Professional Development Offer April 2023 - March 2024' and 'Version 1: 8.3.2023'. At the bottom, there are four small photographs: a teacher and a student at a desk, two boys working on a project, a woman interacting with a child in a hammock, and a woman reading to a child.

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Training for External Colleagues - Practice Educator/Onsite Supervisor Provision



Assessing & Evidencing Values & Ethics	14.9.2023, 2 - 4:30pm
Developing and Assessing Professionalism in Learners	12.10.2023, 9:30am - 12noon
The Anti-Racist and Anti-Opressive Placement	20.11.2023, 2 - 4:30pm
Struggling Placements: Working Positively with Learners	11.01.2024, 2 - 4:30pm
Planning for and Working with Individual Difference	5.2.2024, 9:30am - 12noon
Supervision Skills for Reflection and Analysis	7.3.2024, 9:30am - 12noon

N.B. If you work for one of our primary or secondary partner agencies* or are part of the Central Bedfordshire Teaching Partnership, please **do not** use these links to book, instead you should book via the links in the Teaching Partnership's annual CPD Brochure - your Workforce Development Team can provide you with a copy, or you can email us admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk.

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*Secondary partners are: Croydon Children, and Surrey Children



Aga Buckley, Senior Lecturer & SALT Programme Leader at Kingston University, has had an abstract accepted for the JSWEC conference this year, and will be presenting her research design through a poster presentation at the University of Strathclyde in June. The title is: “When Heidegger meets Freire...”, on the theme of ‘Co-production in social work education and research: promoting lived experience’.

Aga has also co-authored an article together with colleagues from the BASW Neurodivergent Social Workers Special Interest Group, chaired by Deb Solomon, which has been published in BASW's Professional Social Work (PSW) magazine: [Neurodistinct social workers need allyship.](#)

- Some resources are already available through BASW that colleagues might find helpful (and more are being developed!): “BASW Practice Guide ‘Social Work with Autistic People’”. If you are interested in joining, details and booking can be found [here](#).
- [Neurodivergent Social Workers Special Interest Group \(NSW SIG\)](#)
 - There is also a sub-group for [Neurodivergent social work students, NQSW, and ASYE social workers in the UK](#)

A huge well done to Aga!



The Teaching Partnership has once again been awarded funding, in partnership with Kingston University, Achieving for Children, Croydon Children, Merton Children, Sutton Children, Surrey Children and Wandsworth Children, to deliver Cohort 8 of Step up To Social Work. This comes following a successful first year of delivering the programme to Cohort 7 students, who are all set to graduate in March 2023.

The intense, 14 month full-time programme, combining study at Kingston University and placements in the local authority settings, will award graduates a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work and equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to register as a social worker. Students will receive a bursary of £19,833 over the duration of the programme to support them whilst in training. Trainees will commence on the programme in January 2024 and finish in March 2025 and we are very excited to once again be able to support a cohort of students throughout the programme.

Applications are now open and will close on 3rd April 2023. To find out more and to apply for a place on the intensive but highly rewarding training programme, please click [here](#). To apply within our partnership, please select the 'South West London and Surrey' Regional Partnership when you apply.

For any questions, please contact: admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk quoting 'Step Up Cohort 8'



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Social Work Week 2023 will take place from Monday 20 to Friday 24 March 2023, and will aim to bring people together to learn, connect, and influence change. The key themes for this year are:

- **Learn:** the breadth of social work: lived, learned and professional experiences
- **Connect:** social work identity and sharing best practice
- **Influence:** looking back at the past 3 years, and looking forward to what's next for social work in England

Our Think Family: Trauma Throughout the Life Course is fully booked, and will take place on **22 March at Kingston University**.

Kingston University's event has sadly been postponed due to rail strikes, but will hopefully be able to go ahead at another date.

For Social Work England's programme of events, see here:

- [headline sessions](#)
- [sector-led sessions and events](#)

We're delivering a sector-led session at

Social Work Week

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20 to 24 March 2023

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SAVE THE DATE: Practice Education Conference 2023

Please save the date for our upcoming Practice Education Conference!

5 July 2023, 11am - 4pm

This conference is relevant to Practice Educators, On-Site Supervisors, Tutors, Practice Assessors, Learning and Development Leads, employer partners and anyone else engaged or interested in developing social work learners.

In conjunction with Kingston University, this event aims to celebrate the work of all those engaged in developing social work learners in the region and to explore their contributions to building learning communities. It will be in person at the Kingston Hill Campus.



The full agenda and details will be circulated closer to the time.

The Black Voice of Social Work Discussion Groups



A BIG welcome to our new co-facilitators!!!

Sherma Charles, Marcia Cameron, Remi Oduola and Carline Bedoit have joined us to co-facilitate our newly renamed discussion groups.

We are looking forward to starting a new cycle of groups from July 2023 and hope to see many new attendees joining us and enriching the discussions!

The groups are all being led by black colleagues in conjunction with white allies, supported by Taz Mudali and Ulrike Nebel from the Partnership team. All colleagues, regardless of race or background, are encouraged to attend and take part in these important discussions.

Please see our CPD brochure for dates and links to book, and share widely with any colleagues that may be interested in either attending or becoming involved as a co-facilitator!

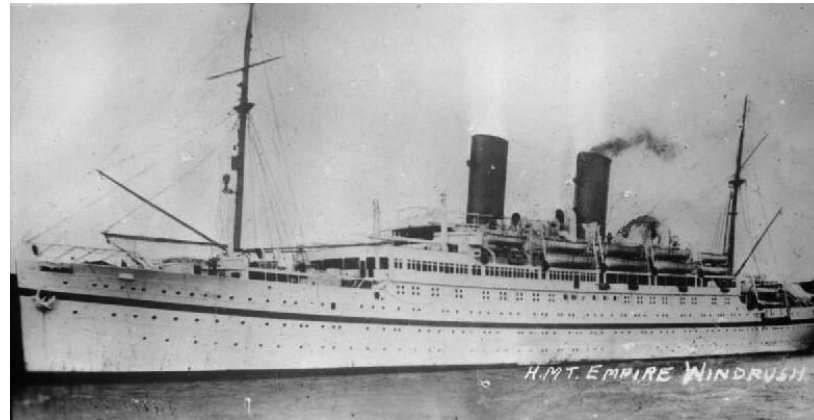




Callout for Celebrating Black Voices Event Facilitators

2023 will mark 75 years since the arrival of the Windrush. To mark this anniversary, the theme for our May Celebrating Black Voices event will be the celebration of the contributions that the Windrush generation and their descendants have made to British society.

Our event will be in the morning of 24 May 2023. If you have an interest, expertise, or story of lived experience relating to the Windrush generation that you would be happy to talk about at the event, please [contact us](#). We would be delighted to hear from you!





A call out to all Practice Educators/PEPS trainees!



Our colleague from the Kingston Mental Health Social Care Team/Developing Together Social Work Teaching Partnership, Ulrike Nebel, is presently undertaking her postgraduate studies at Kingston University (Master in Advanced Social Work Practice) and would appreciate your help in her final dissertation research project: "The importance of considering Emotional Resilience from the start: Views of Practice Educators on developing the Emotional Resilience of Social Work Students on placement"

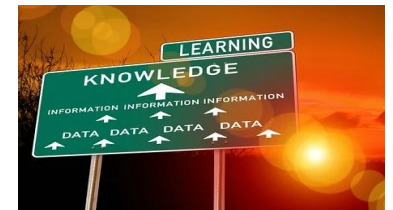
Please [see here](#) for the Invitation Letter and a Participant Information Sheet giving you more information about the project and the researcher.

If you wish to be involved, please read these documents and then complete the questionnaire, clicking the survey link below. It should take you a maximum of 10 minutes to complete. The survey will close at **midday on Monday 27 March 2023**.

[Survey](#)

If you are interested in attending follow-up focus groups, please ensure you complete the last part of the questionnaire, including preferred contact details. Pending confirmation, these focus groups will take place in the weeks commencing 17 or 24 April 2023.

MANY THANKS!!!



BASW Conference Presentation



Sharon Evans, our Lead Partnership Practice consultant, has been accepted to present a poster at the BASW Conference on 13 June 2023 in relation to the development of the Research Hub. There was a high level of interest to present at the conference and Sharon was pleased to be invited to present on “How The Developing Together Social Work Teaching Partnership Grew the Research Hub across the Partnership”.

Sharon's application is linked to the themes of Practice and professional innovations along with research, knowledge creation and its application as set out by BASW.

Sharon is pleased to develop her research skills further in this area by working with Dr. David Nilsson at Kingston University and will report back to colleagues at the Research Hub over the coming months.



Neurodiversity Week Events



Neurodiversity Celebration Week runs from 13 - 19 March this year and is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, and organisations with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent. You can get involved by attending one of the free webinars (registration is required), or sharing your stories about what neurodiversity looks like to you using the hashtag *#ThisIsND* and *#NeurodiversityCelebrationWeek* on social media.

The remaining events are:

- 17 March 2023, 14:30 to 16:00 (GMT) Good Practice for Neurodiversity Professionals
- 17 March 2023, 16:30 to 17:30 (GMT) An Introduction to Neurodiversity
- 18 March 2023, 11:00 to 12:00 (GMT) An Introduction to Neurodiversity
- 18 March 2023, 14:00 to 15:00 (GMT) An Introduction to Neurodiversity
- 19 March 2023, 11:00 to 12:00 (GMT) An Introduction to Neurodiversity
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Please [click here](#) for the full schedule of events, including links to register.





Research in Practice is an organisation that brings together academic research, practice expertise and the experiences of people accessing services. We have been working with them to collate some of their open-access resources, which do not require membership to access!

Resources

- [Understanding voluntary care arrangements under section 20](#)
- [Good assessment in adult social care \(guide\)](#)

Articles & videos

- [Recognising child and adolescent to parent violence and abuse](#)
- [Why relationships are key to effective integration](#)
- [Nurturing creativity: Blue Cabin's Creative Life Story Work programme](#)
- [Recognising harmful sexual behaviour in children and young people](#)
- [Inclusive practice with young people who identify as LGBTQ+](#)
- [Equity in adult social care](#)



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Thank you for reading!

If you have any good news stories, examples of excellent practice, or helpful resources that you'd like to share, please send these through to us at: admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk

We would also be grateful to receive comments or suggestions on the newsletter, including any topics you'd like to see covered in future editions.