



Welcome to the December 2013 LaDDER Newsletter

Season's greetings to everyone! Welcome to the latest edition of LaDDER – the Learning Disability, Diversity and Equality Review.

This edition ends a year of difficult times but hopefully the information you receive helps people to receive best services possible. Please share this information with your colleagues and please send information for the March edition of LaDDER.

There are seven articles in this review, we hope you find them informative and helpful.

If you know of any colleagues who would be interested in receiving this newsletter please forward this onto them. Alternatively, ask them to contact me and I will arrange for them to receive LaDDER directly.

If you have any updates or news for the next edition you would like to share, please send them to Bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

Best wishes
Bridget Fisher

1. Here to Stay update

We held two consensus building events in November – Birmingham and London – with 60 attendees to discuss the project findings so far and to talk about what would be useful in the guidance that is being written on making learning disability services effective for people from new migrant communities. The presentations from the events can be found [here](#).

2. Here to Stay - Family Carers

As part of the project we are still looking for family carers from minority communities to interview - please send any contact details to bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

We would like to set up a network of engagement or involvement leads for provider organisations. This will help us find ways to ensure the views of people with learning disabilities are included in our work – please send details to Bridget as above.

3. Ethnic Health Initiative Learning Disability and Ethnicity Conference - Central London, 28 March 2014

Conference

This one day conference will critically examine the role of Ethnicity and its impact on Learning Disability and consider themes, perspectives and debates surrounding this area, so we can become more inclusive of these factors in practice and service delivery. This one day conference will bring together clinicians who have experience in providing health and social care interventions across fields. Learning points and good practice will be shared. The challenges experienced and possible limitations will also be discussed via anonymised case vignettes.

Who should attend?

This conference will be relevant to all professionals in the field of Mental Health and Social Care, including those from Local Authorities and trusts across the UK, Social Workers, Approved Mental Health Professionals, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Psychotherapists, Counsellors, Early Intervention Teams, CPN's, OT's, Chaplains, Community Faith Leaders & Healers, Equality Leads, Community Development Workers, Service User Representatives, Charities, Third Sector, Educational Establishments, Academics and Policy makers.

Details and booking information

4. Together in Service – possible funding opportunity

Together in Service is a new programme supported by the Department for Communities and Local Government. Its objectives are:

- to celebrate the practical contribution that faith communities make to society through social action
- to support faith groups in undertaking new multi-faith volunteering projects at local level.

The next grant application deadline is 6th February 2014

Details can be found here

5. SpeakOut

SpeakOut is a project being run by the University of Central Lancashire to support the Care Quality Commission hear the views of people from marginalised groups including those with learning disabilities from minority communities.

SpeakOut is a national network of more than 80 marginalised and disadvantaged community groups. Created to support the Care Quality Commission in the discharge of its regulatory functions and managed by the School of Social Work at the University of Central Lancashire, SpeakOut is an example of how the engagement of marginalised and disadvantaged groups can be effectively facilitated.

Its members come from all over the country and include people from: minority faith groups, Black and minority ethnic groups, refugees and asylum seekers, people with a range of physical disabilities, lesbian gay and bisexual people, mental health service users, people with learning disabilities, people with specific dietary needs, older people, young people, Gypsy and Traveller communities, gender specific groups, prisoners, people with HIV and homeless people.

Our vision is...

...to enable and empower diverse groups to come together as a strong voice for change that will create equality and promote quality particularly – but not exclusively - in health and care.

Details here

6. Health Poverty Action has prepared a report on mother's health data by ethnicity

At present there is a dearth of reliable health data broken down by ethnicity in the poorest countries and the consequences for women from marginalised groups are potentially catastrophic.

This report is part of the 'Mothers on the Margins' campaign to improve indigenous women's maternal health but goes beyond it to call for disaggregated data for all indigenous people and those from cultural minorities such as pastoralist communities in Africa.

Across the world Health Poverty Action works in partnership with poor and marginalised communities – such as cultural minorities and indigenous peoples – enabling them to access culturally appropriate, local and affordable health care.

Find the report here

We hope that you have found LaDDER useful and informative

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