



Welcome to the July 2014 LaDDER Newsletter

In this edition of LaDDER there are seven articles.

If you have something you would like to share about issues concerning people with learning disabilities from minority communities please send them to me for inclusion in October's edition of the newsletter. Email: bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

Best wishes

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1. Here to Stay

Here to Stay is a project to produce national guidance on good practice in delivering learning disability services for new migrant communities. **We are entering the final year of this project and are actively seeking family carers and people with learning disabilities from minority communities to interview.** If you know of anyone who would like to take part (interviews can be arranged in other languages and can be carried out at times and places to suit participants), please contact me at: bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

2. Include Me TOO National Community Inspiration Awards

Include Me TOO have asked to circulate this information and are looking for nominees for their awards.

We are delighted to share with you the nominations for the first **Include Me TOO National Community Inspiration Awards for Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority**

Disabled Children, Young People and Families is now open. The Awards celebrate and recognise the inspirational disabled children, young people and their families from grass root communities and aim to support and provide a national platform to increase an awareness and understanding amongst Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities regarding disability. Role models, community champions, the personal journeys and achievements will be honoured at the award ceremony. Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic disabled children, young people and their families will be honoured for their strength, courage, compassion, determination and achievements.

The issue of disability needs to be tackled through increased awareness, understanding, inclusion, acceptance and community support - let's support this to be a reality together and celebrate the Inspiring journeys and achievements.

Closing date for nominations is 16th July 2014 at 5pm.

You can **find out more about the awards here**

Please share the information amongst your networks and get nominating!

3. Mental health problems and learning disabilities

Stakeholder registration and consultation on draft guideline scope – Mental health problems and learning disabilities

A draft scope for the above clinical guideline will be on the NICE website for a 4-week consultation period for registered stakeholder organisations. **The consultation ends on 10th July 2014.**

If you have not already registered as a stakeholder, and wish to do so, you will need to complete **this short online form**.

More details...

4. Support with learning disabilities and mental health

Up to 40% of people with learning disabilities experience mental health difficulties. They are often unable to get support from the appropriate services.

Research has shown people with learning disabilities from minority communities suffer high levels of mental ill health (*Candle, ARC 2008*). **The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities** has produced a series of resources to support people with a learning disability and their mental wellbeing. These include charts to help people record their feelings. **More details...**

5. Preparing for the next general election

Mencap are encouraging people with learning disabilities to become more politically active in time for the 2015 election including explaining the voting process. **Find out more here.**

6. Local Impact Funds

Local groups and charities may be interested in these funds. **Local Impact Funds** are a local social investment fund product that provides appropriate and tailored support to charities and social enterprises in a local community. It can provide a locally-led solution to directing the existing supply of finance to where it is most needed - contributing to sustainable economic growth and the attainment of positive social outcomes in deprived communities.

The funds:

- Combine wrap around business support with growth investment.
- Connect European, national and local supply with local demand for finance.
- Support local economic and public services strategies.

More details...

7. Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities (PCPLD) seeking nominations

The PCPLD network aims to bring together service providers, people with a learning disability and carers working for the benefit of individuals with learning disabilities who have palliative care needs. Their ethos is that people with a learning disability should receive the coordinated support needed in living their lives to the full, until the end of their life.

The Network is currently seeking nominations for the Linda McEnhill Award 2014. The aim of this annual award is to recognise individuals or teams who have made a positive difference to the end of life care for people with learning disabilities. This could be, for example, a clinical development, an educational project, a piece of research or an example of outstanding support of one or more individuals. **More details...**

We hope that you have found LaDDER useful and informative

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