



Welcome to the March 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 July's edition of the newsletter. Email: bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

Best wishes

Bridget Fisher

1. Here to Stay

The Here to Stay project will soon be entering its final year. We are particularly keen to talk to people with learning disabilities from minority communities about their experiences. We would also like to link together organisational leads on service user engagement to support work involving people from ethnic minorities. Please send any contacts to bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

2. Job opportunity at Coventry Carers' Centre

Coventry Carers' Centre aims to improve the lives of family carers by providing information, advice and support to meet their individual needs. Family carers are people who look after partners, friends or relatives who cannot manage alone due to old age, illness, mental health needs, substance dependency or disability - there are 32,000 in Coventry.

The Post:

Carer Support Worker for Family Carers of People with Learning Disabilities from Black,

Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities

37 hours per week

Salary £21,067 per annum plus 4% pension contribution

Funding has been secured for 3 years

Please download an application pack from: www.coventrycarers.org.uk

Alternatively contact **Emilia Siwakowska**

Tel: 024 7663 2972

Email: emiliasiwakowska@coventrycarers.org.uk

Closing date for applications 9.30am Friday 11th April 2014

Interviews will be held Thursday 24th April 2014

3. Conference - Learning Disability Today Sheffield

1 May 2014, Hillsborough, Sheffield

Learning Disability Today Sheffield is an event for all people interested in learning disability. Whether you have a learning disability, work with someone with a learning disability or are a student this event is for you. This one-day show brings together exhibitors and speakers to share in a lively and educational conference. This event is free for people with a learning disability and their carers.

More details...

4. Seminar - organised by Include Me TOO

Shared Values, Faith and Disability Handsworth, Birmingham, 8 April 2014

This forthcoming seminar focuses upon Shared Values, Faith and Disability – a project which has been funded by **Near Neighbours**, bringing together various faith communities and families with disabled children and young people.

At the seminar issues impacting on Faith and Disability will be discussed and the important role of faith communities in providing support and inclusion to their local families with disabled children and young people.

Families with disabled children have shared with **Include Me TOO** the many barriers they have faced, including accessing their faith and cultural activities in their communities. Families want to work with organisations and the wider faith sector to support a wider understanding of their real lives and how the faith sector can support them.

To book a **FREE** place at this event please contact:

Include me Too:

Tel: 01902 399888/ 01902 711604

or email chris@includemetoo.org.uk

5. Action Against Cruelty Website Launch

Lemos and Crane, working with the **Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities**, have launched a website - **Action Against Cruelty** - to help people with learning disabilities who suffer abuse and hate crime (which would include racism).
More details...

6. The Equality and Human Rights Commission

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has useful reading lists available on its website including one on **Health Inequalities**, on **Race** and on **Disability**.

7. Conference - A Hidden Truth

A Hidden Truth: The impact of forced marriage on people with learning disabilities
Nottingham University, 1 May 2014

This FREE one day event is open to any professional who works directly with disabled children and vulnerable adults who wants to understand more about the risks, how to recognise potential abuse and effectively safeguard the people they work with.

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We hope that you have found LaDDER useful and informative

If you have any information to share for the next edition please send it to Bridget: Bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

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