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Welcome to the September 2014 LaDDER Newsletter

We are pleased that the newsletter is being shared so widely and welcome the input from readers. We draw your attention to some short deadlines in this edition so please don't put this aside to read later!

*LaDDER is funded as part of the **Here To Stay project** and in order for the final report and recommendations to accurately reflect the views of all stakeholders we hope to interview more people with learning disabilities from minority communities. **Please get in touch if you have contact with anyone who might like to take part.***

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 the next edition of the newsletter. Email: bridget.fisher@arcuk.org.uk

Best wishes
Bridget Fisher

1. Celebrating 25 years of UNCRC through the Include Me Too National Community Inspiration Awards

6 December 2014, Hilton Birmingham Metropole

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, **Include Me TOO** are hosting the ground breaking National Community Inspiration Awards for Disabled Children, Young People and their Families – a prestigious blue tie event, which celebrates and recognises the inspirational disabled children, young people and their families from our communities. The event also is a celebration for **United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities.**

The awards provide a national platform to increase an awareness and understanding regarding disability.

There are 12 awards categories:

1. Child & Young Person of Courage
2. Child & Young Person of Friendship
3. Child & Young Person of Sport
4. Child & Young Person Creative Arts Achievement
5. Child & Young Person Education Achievement
6. Inspirational Young Persons award (19 – 25)
7. Inspirational Mother of the Year
8. Inspirational Grandparent/s of the year
9. Inspirational Father of the Year
10. Recognition Community Award of the year.
11. Child & Young Person Brother/Sister (Carers)
12. Recognition of Professional support

Role models, community champions, the personal journeys and achievements will be honoured at the award ceremony. 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 achievement at the first Include Me TOO National Community Inspiration Awards 2014. Due to the overwhelming responses received regarding these awards the nominations are now open to all families with disabled children from all communities. **Nominations will now remain open till Friday 24th October at 5pm.**

To find out more and to nominate for our awards please visit:

includemetoo.org.uk/awards

2. The National Family Carers Network website relaunch

The National Family Carers Network has launched a revamped website. The site includes an extensive **resource on disability and ethnicity**.

3. Homecare Direct

Homecare Direct contacted LaDDER because they are doing innovative work with Asian families in Kirklees. They are preparing an article for the next edition. **Find out more...**

4. Diverse perspectives: The challenges for families affected by autism from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities

The National Autistic Society have published **a report on the challenges for families affected by autism from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities in England**. They wanted to better understand the issues experienced by people from these communities. Different families have their own experiences, but a number of common themes emerged from their focus groups. They found that families are missing out on support and can be doubly disadvantaged; diagnosis of autism and support services are still poor in many areas, and people from BAME communities face additional challenges.

Find out more...

5. Culturally Competent Compassion - Open access course

Start Date: Monday, October 20, 2014

Duration: 4 week

This is an open access free course offered by the Research Centre for Transcultural Studies in Health, Middlesex University, London. The course will provide the opportunity to network with individuals from across the globe to share experiences and discuss aspects of compassion from different cultural perspectives. **Find out more...**

6. Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities Network - Conference 2014

Wednesday 26 November 2014, Glasgow

Booking is now open for the **End-of-Life Care Planning for People with Learning Disabilities - 2014 annual PCPLD Network conference** Guest speakers include **Dr Pauline Heslop**, *Manager of the Confidential Inquiry into Premature Deaths of People with Learning Disabilities* and **Dr Claud Regnard**, *Consultant in Palliative Medicine*.

Find out more...

7. Tools for Talking - Resources from the University of Birmingham

Tools for Talking includes five short videos and five activities. They were developed primarily for use in social support settings to facilitate communication and information sharing between people with learning disabilities from minority ethnic communities and service providers. However, they may have wider applicability and could be used in a variety of settings.

The tools were developed during the **ASC-LD study** and are based on the results of interviews with 32 adults with learning disabilities from minority ethnic communities and a Partnership Event held in November 2013. **Find out more...**

8. 'Fulfilling Potential: making it happen' updates

Published 4 Sept 2014

Updates (including Easy Read) to the government disability strategy document looking at arrangements for working in partnership with disabled people and the need for innovative cross sector initiatives to deliver meaningful outcomes. [Find out more...](#)

9. Religion or Belief: Tell us about your experiences

The Equality and Human Rights Commission are carrying out a survey into beliefs. They say:

We want to gather as much information as we can from employees, service users, employers, service providers, trade unions, legal advisors and religion or belief groups so that we can assess how a person's religion or belief, or lack of it, is taken into account at work and when using services.

This major call for evidence is part of our three year programme to strengthen understanding of religion or belief in public life, to improve knowledge of what happens in practice and to make sure that the laws which are in place to protect everyone's right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect are effective.' [Find out more...](#)

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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