

Canterbury District Community Alliance:

supporting local voluntary and community groups

Capacity Building for the Voluntary Sector

Dear Colleague,

We have added **more events** to our '**Capacity Building for the Voluntary Sector**' seminar series which is taking place between May and July 2011. This is part of our partnership with Christ Church University.

These sessions are organised by the Service Evaluation and Development Group at Canterbury Christ Church University and aim at creating space, time and opportunities for those who have different roles within voluntary organisations in the Canterbury District (e.g. leaders, managers, practitioners, volunteers etc.). The aim of these sessions is to facilitate learning, and to develop understanding of topics and issues that are relevant to the work and experience of those engaged in the Voluntary Sector.

All events are free of charge and refreshments will be provided.

Places can be booked through Katy Russ at katy.russ@canterbury.ac.uk

The events are:

1. Working with Older People - Dementia Awareness

Wednesday 25 May, 4-5.30pm,
North Holmes Road Campus, Blue Room

Penny Hibberd
Director, Dementia Services Development Centre South East

Penny is the director of DSDCse which is a partnership between Canterbury Christ Church University, Avante Partnership and Dementia UK, serving the counties of Kent, Sussex and Surrey. The aim of the Centre is to support dementia services to plan, deliver, or improve the quality of services for older people with dementia, curriculum design and development, teaching and training.

2. Developing Cultures of Effectiveness in the Workplace

Thursday 2 June 4-5,30pm
North Holmes Road Campus, Blue Room

Dr Kim Manley CBE
Visiting Professor, Department of Nursing and Applied Clinical Studies

Kim has an international reputation for the development of effective workplace cultures in healthcare linked to the provision of quality services. Such cultures put the patient at the centre of care, are clinically effective, continually modernising and realise shared governance principles. Her expertise lies in helping healthcare organisations and clinical teams to develop, implement and evaluate practice development strategies and work-based learning initiatives that are sustainable in the workplace.

3. Leadership Development

Monday 6 June 4-5.30
North Holmes Road Campus, Blue Room

Sally Cray
Senior Consultant, Department of Leadership and Management Development

Sally has extensive experience working with clients in many parts of the public and voluntary sector including the NHS, voluntary organisations and local government. She is a trained coach, skilled facilitator, expert in leadership development and change management. She has a reputation for designing and delivering bespoke interventions that are grounded in, and relevant to, the particular organisation and individuals she is working with, and is driven by a desire to make a real difference using a strength based approach.

4. Mental Health: legislation, service user engagement and the road to recovery

Monday 13 June 4-5.30pm
North Holmes Road Campus, Blue Room

Mary Macdonald
Principal Lecturer in Mental Health, Department of Health, Well-being and the Family & Louise Jessup Service user and member of KCC Adult learning Resource Team's SUCSES Project

Mary is the Programme Director for MSc/PG Dip in Mental Health & Approved Mental Health Professional Practice. She is the Mental Health and Mental Capacity Act training manager for Kent County Council. She has 17 years of practice experience as a mental health social worker.

Louise has a diagnosis of bipolar disorder and is a member of the KCC Adult Learning Resource Team's SUCSES Project. The project has recruited and trained a group of mental health service users and carers to deliver training courses and programmes for health and social care professionals working within the mental health services. She uses a unique method of training delivered about her recovery journey through the use of textile art in the form of quilts. She is an accomplished trainer and communicator.

Wednesday 15 June 3-5pm

5. Gardens, health and volunteering

Wednesday 15 June 3-5pm
St Martin's Priory, Garden Room

Patrick Meehan.

Senior Lecturer in Childhood Studies, CCCU Ian Cameron-Fleming, Senior Outdoor Leisure Officer, Canterbury City Council Julia Groves, Horticultural Co-ordinator & Paul Heynes, Herb workshop volunteer, The Blackthorn Trust Peter Buscall, Vineyard Plant Centre Co-ordinator, Family Investment Homes

6. Volunteer work with children and their families - how does children's law affect your work?

Monday 20 June 4-5.30pm
North Holmes Road Campus, Blue Room

Cathy Pilkington has worked as a full-time Senior Lecturer in Social Work for the past four years, teaching at undergraduate and Master's level and to post-qualified social workers in practice. Cathy has been a qualified social worker for twenty-five years, specialising in child care social work within an inner city London borough for 12 years before working as an independent social worker representing children's needs and wishes in the court setting. She has spent time working in a children's mental health resource in New Zealand and maintains some links with practice through Independent Reviewing Work of looked after children in Kent.

If you are interested or have any enquiries relating to the above, please contact:
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