



South London Learning Consortium

Voluntary & Community Learning Providers Working Together

New addition to the Consortium staff team... Pamela Sargent — Quality & Curriculum Manager

Pam joined the Consortium on the 7th January 2008 as the Quality & Curriculum Manager. Her principle roles are to provide Quality and Curriculum management for learning providers in the voluntary and community sector, and to develop and manage the quality of the Consortiums' services and the breadth and depth of the curriculum offer.

Pam's background is in Further Education where she has spent the last 15 years in a variety of teaching and management roles. Her areas of teaching expertise include computing and business. Her most recent management role was Head of School of Business in a large FE College in South

London. Pam also spent several months at Lifelong Learning UK (the sector skills council for the workforce development of staff employed in the lifelong learning sector), as an adviser on 14-19 workforce development and the new Initial teacher training reforms.

In her spare time Pam likes to travel, she is a keen gardener (always looking for cuttings!) and keeping fit.

Pam will be contacting some of you shortly to discuss quality and or your curriculum offer, but please do not hesitate to contact her in the interim if you have any specific queries on pam@suttoncv.org.uk

Pre-volunteering programme for the Olympic Games



Personal Best is the brand name for the programme which gives volunteers (age 16+) the chance to gain new skills through volunteering as well as a qualification accredited by OCN.

This 9 unit course covers:

- Volunteering and the Olympics
- Understanding Effective Customer Relations
- Emergency and Basic Fire Awareness
- Public safety
- Introduction to Conflict Resolution in a Public Setting
- Developing Team and Interpersonal Skills
- Understanding Equality and Diversity
- Preparing for and Reflecting on a Volunteer Placement

Currently offered at level 1, but now developed at entry and level 2, everyone who completes the course will be guaranteed an interview to become a 2012 Games volunteer

More details from local Volunteer Bureaus or look at www.gosouthgo.co.uk

Why not have a look @... WWW.GETPAID.ORG.UK

www.getpaid.org.uk – website which gives a lot of practical advice on supporting learners with disabilities and also DDA issues. The website is comparatively new and is being added to all the time.

It seems at first glance to focus on younger learners, but there is a lot to be learnt which would benefit work based learning providers and those in the third sector who are involved in training.

Via this website, The Really Useful Book of Learning and Earning was publicised, from NIACE. It is again geared to learners with disabilities, featuring a month by month 2008 checklist to help them record progress towards learning and employment goals. It was 100 pages on a PDF, but when we tried to get hold of a print copy, it was oversubscribed – so it must be good!



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Women of Vision Ethnic Network (WOVEN)

What:

Women Of Vision Ethnic Network is an Independent Training Consultancy providing pre-vocational Personal Development & Enterprise Training to Empower Enrich & Enhance the lives of unemployed women building their self-esteem and confidence to make the transition off benefits and consider self-employment as a route to return to work.

Why:

WOVEN believes we can all achieve our very best with the right support mechanism. Our customised training courses are tailored to meet the needs of our clients.

How:

Through a combination of group work, coaching, residential retreats, 1-2-1, Job search and careers advice and working in partnership with community learning groups and statutory bodies.

Where:

Our courses are mainly held at Fieldway Community Centre, and through out the London Borough of Croydon.

Join our next fun friendly, flexible pre start up workshop.

IMAGINE

- ♥ Learning to love yourself...
- ♥ Improving your confidence
- ♥ Discovering 7 secrets to happiness
- ♥ Receiving Enterprise Support

Venue: Field Way Community Centre
Date: Thursday 28 February 10:30 – 1:30pm
Telephone: 07904 203 831 or 0208 680 6161

Contact Marcia C. Okusaga
Membership ONLY £10
Email: Wovenlearning@yahoo.co.uk

Samaddoon Somali Development Organisation 15 years Anniversary Celebration & Fundraising event

Presentations include: film, music and dance. An exciting event not to be missed!

Date: 29 March 2008
Time: 7pm to 11 pm
Venue: Stanley Hall 12 South Norwood Hill London, SE25 6AB
Entry £10 pounds including food

For more information contact:
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Cook it Right...



Learn to cook your dishes in a healthy way

Cook it right is now in its 4th year. It is adaptable to all those who want to have a healthy life style, sufferers of hypertension, diabetes, heart problems and other related illnesses. Last year we were funded by the Communities Develop Foundation and ran 6 courses. This year we obtained a grant from Croydon Social Services to run a 6 week course. Cook it right is a project of the Barbados Overseas Women's Link. We also provide services for the elderly, and life skills for the younger members of the community. We also have inter generational activities.

For further Information please contact:
Barbados Overseas Women's Link
Cornerstone House,
11 Willis Road,
Croydon
CR0 2XX
Tel: 020 8777 8517



bikestreet

BikeStreet, is a project run by local charity EcoLocal. EcoLocal are offering FREE cycle maintenance and reminiscence courses to anyone between 14-24 years old.

The cycle maintenance course teaches lots of useful skills to repair bikes and keep them running better for longer. There is also an opportunity for young people to volunteer to restore bikes to be donated to the community.

The reminiscence course trains young people to interview older people about how they use to get around on bicycles when they were younger. The course brings generations together helping to change perceptions of young people and reduce fear of crime among the older members of the community.

Participants in both courses gain nationally recognised AQA qualifications that will look great on CVs and may help them apply for further education.

BikeStreet has been funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the Safer Sutton Partnership and can run free courses over six one hour sessions in schools, community centres and youth groups anywhere in the Sutton area.

For more information call Michael or Gareth on 0208 404 1520 or email bikestreet@ecolocal.org.uk

By ECOLOCAL

Direct Payments Success Story...

Mick's Story

From isolation to fun and friendships, Mick Collings has come a long way as he is now able to do what he most enjoys thanks to personalised care.

26 year old Mick has severe Learning Disabilities and needs carers he's familiar with, and many services don't have the resources to provide him with this consistency.

Mick didn't like going to a day centre where he just sat and did nothing because resources were not available to help him engage in group activities. Things eventually got worse for Mick.

Unable to receive the care he needed, Mick couldn't socialise and get involved in activities and this eventually left him isolated and depressed.

"He would just lie in bed and he didn't even want to leave the house with anyone, even with me." Mick's father, Michael Collings said.

It was clear to the Collings family they needed the means to organise care that was personalised to Mick. The Person Centred Plan (PCP) supported by the Sutton Direct Payments scheme gave them the ability to this.

Direct Payments are cash payments which are given to individuals if they are eligible so they can buy services to meet their social care need.

Funded by Direct Payments, Michael recruited a personal carer for Mick; a familiar face who worked in the day centre Mick attended and who now takes him out during the day to a variety of activities including horse riding, work-outs in the local gym and cooking sessions at her home.

A number of other carers have subsequently been employed and Mick has taken part in football training under the 'Sports Buddies' scheme and now attends the weekly Mencap dancing session and meets up with

his old friends from the day centre at a weekly bowling league. Most of Mick's activities are followed up by an essential social element in the life of most men – a trip to the pub for a pint!

"Mick needs time to get to know a carer but once he's comfortable with them, he'll try new things and with their continued support and encouragement he takes great

satisfaction from his personal achievements.", Michael said.

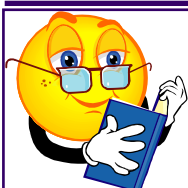
Now Mick is raring to go as soon as his carers are there to pick him up. He even has friends over from the day centre that he didn't like going to, once a week for a coffee morning.

Michael said personalised care has enabled Mick to "get his life back".

"His happiness and confidence really shows and he is making amazing progress and has a far better quality of life".

There is much more to be done and Mick's PCP includes extended stays away from home to further increase his confidence outside of the family environment which also gives his family respite.

To find out if you're eligible for Direct Payments ring First Contact Tel: **020 8770 6080**



Have you read?

Ready, Steady, Work – DWP paper on their strategy to enable recipients of passive benefits to actively seek and prepare for work. It deals essentially with the first two reform principles – the creation of a stronger framework of rights and responsibilities and supporting people to find work through a personalised and responsive approach. It also touches on the new better off in work credit which will be piloted soon. If nothing else, the Executive Summary is worth a read!

Globalisation, Skills and Employment: The London Story from the (comparatively new) London Skills and Employment Board.

All the facts, figures and graphs you could possibly want to evidence the key findings of the report, most of which will be already well known to those working with disadvantaged communities in and around the Capital.

So what is going to happen next? The LSEB will be publishing its Strategy in the next few months with recommended implementation plans. Look out for a new Employer Programme -Work Trials, Work Experience and local recruitment a priority (or so it says in the Draft Strategy!)

Learning for Living and Working in London – published in Jan 2008, setting out the strategy for people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Well worth a read – particularly the Goals and Milestones sections

Community Links Bromley

News & Events...



News:

Major boost for voluntary and community groups in Bromley

Voluntary and community groups in Bromley are set to benefit from a new information and support service, thanks to a major grant of £322,244 from the Big Lottery Fund. The grant, awarded to Community Links Bromley (CLB) under the BASIS programme will provide a three year, full time information service for Bromley voluntary and community groups, to help groups keep on top of ever-changing regulation and best practice and ensure staff and volunteers can access high quality advice and training. The funding will also allow the voluntary sector to have a stronger voice in the borough and be more engaged in local networks to help shape policies and plans.

Events:

Fundraising events

Thursday 6th March – Fifty Top Fundraising Tips and Fundraising on a Shoestring

Tuesday 6th May – Reducing Grant Dependency

Friday 27th June – Meet the Funders

Friday 25th July – Legacies

Friday 26th September – Meet the Funders

Details from Julie Hunt on 020 8315 1915. Supported by the City Bridge Trust.

Fundraising mentoring opportunity

CLB is developing a mentoring scheme, linking priority voluntary and community groups to individuals who want to share their experiences and skills. The scheme seeks to place volunteers with an organisation to support them in achieving a specific organisational development objective. If you feel your group would benefit, contact Julie Hunt to discuss the scheme further.

Events for Trustees

Bromley Trustee Network - Managing volunteers: why this is a trustee responsibility - Tuesday 26 February 2008 (evening)

Trustee Induction Session – roles and responsibilities of trustees - Tuesday 4 March (evening)

Details from Sue Lee on 020 8315 1902.

Events for treasurers & finance workers

Year End - getting ready for audit or Independent Examination – Wednesday 27 February

Details from Sue Lee on 020 8315 1902.

Full details at www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk

Or contact Sue Lee on 020 8315 1902 or email suel@communitylinksbromley.org.uk

SCVS

PAYROLL SERVICE

SCVS has been delivering an excellent and affordable payroll service since **1991** and now serves **100** clients in the voluntary and community sector to a salary value of **£6million**.

Our Aim is to release organisations from the responsibility of payroll and enable them to utilise their time more productively.

Paying employees accurately and on time has always been a very important part of any organisation.

THE SERVICE WILL GIVE YOU...

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- ◆ Salaries paid directly into staff's bank/building society accounts using the BACS system
- ◆ Reports outlining salary calculations
- ◆ Payment of PAYE and National Insurance Contributions to the Inland Revenue (including reimbursement of SMP, SPP and SAP)
- ◆ Issuing P45s to leavers
- ◆ Pension scheme administration
- ◆ Full year end service
- ◆ Advice and support throughout the year on any aspect of payroll and pension administration

Julie Jarratt—Payroll Officer

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