



London Teaching Public Health Network

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Introduction

Welcome to the second Newsletter of the London Teaching Public Health Network.

The TPHNs bring together academic and service public health, academic departments, and local authority and 3rd sector players to improve public health capacity and capability

LTPHN has chosen to focus initially on a number of issues especially pertinent to London, most notably perhaps

- 2012 and its public health implications
- engagement of the 3rd Sector with public health.

Activities:

- Map of courses with a public health content:

The on-going mapping exercise will help to identify gaps in existing provision as well as possible gluts in provision at all levels from further education to specialist postgraduate qualification.

- Undergraduate education
Identifying the public health content of undergraduate courses will allow

us to meet felt need and share best practice

- 3rd Sector

The recently formed LTPHN third sector working group is currently working on the development of a self assessed public health knowledge and skills tool. This could be used as a public health career development tool as well as providing some hard evidence of the depth and range of public health knowledge and skills within the third sector workforce in London. It forms the first part of a range of initiatives of potential collaborative projects aimed at enhancing public health capacity and capability within this sector.

If you are interested in contributing to any of these activities, please contact LTPHN for further information.

Events:

A. "Health and wellbeing: creating the future workforce"

Co-hosted by PHAST and LTPHN, this event generated discussion around Health Trainers and Level Four practitioners. For further information, please contact Marion

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B. “*We can do it together*” Sharing Excellence in Public Health Capacity Building in London

A LTPHN event is planned for 3rd Dec 2007, to share good practice in public health teaching in London. Further details are available on the website. If you have an example of excellence to share, please let LTPHN know as soon as possible!

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Website: www.ltphn.org.uk

The website contains details on:

- local events or initiatives
- Teaching resources
- Discussion forum
- Details of upcoming meetings

If you are outside London and would like to know more about your regional TPHN, please contact me to be put in touch with the appropriate Network lead.

Join LTPHN!

If you are a parent, a teacher, an employer, or an employee in the public, private, or voluntary sector, you will be engaging with public health issues. If your organisation has any responsibility for improving or protecting the health of Londoners through the work of its staff or through its educational activities, you may want to join us – please do so through our website.

Alternatively, please link us to your organisational website.

Contact LTPHN:

If you would like further information about LTPHN or wish to join our mailing list, please contact the Network Coordinator,