

# THE NET

News, views & updates for the Wider Stakeholder Group

## Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> Issue of the London Teaching Public Health Network Newsletter

**Welcome to our new look newsletter.** The network has had a busy summer. We moved office premises in June and we are now situated in temporary accommodation in Gower Street until the new campus for the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine becomes ready for us to move in. This should be sometime in 2009. We have also been joined by two new members of staff. Our recent main areas of work have been focused on the third sector consultation on developing a skills passport in health and well-being and our project on childhood obesity.

### The LTPHN has new team members

The LTPHN welcomes **Yi Gong**. Yi joined us in June as part time administrator for the network.

**Kate Charlesworth** has also been helping the network part-time since April with our project on childhood obesity.

### A SKILLS PASSPORT IN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: Stakeholder Consultation Event

The LTPHN has been commissioned by Skills for Health to consult with key stakeholders on the level of support and acceptance for the model of a skills passport in health and well-being which could be piloted with third sector organizations. Following initial research on current models of passports in other sectors, a consultation event was held in London on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008. This was well attended by over 70 regional and national organisations, with a large proportion from the third sector.

Presentations were given by the Department of Health, the Public Health Resource Unit, YMCA Central, Skills for Health, PurplePassports, E-Skills UK, Skills for Care and the LTPHN. Delegates attended workshops to discuss any key issues and to ascertain the level of support and next steps. A report on the day was circulated to all delegates and will be available to download on our website soon. A full report on the consultation will be forwarded to Skills for Health in early August.

Please contact Lorraine Williams [Lorraine.williams@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Lorraine.williams@lshtm.ac.uk) if you would like to be sent a copy of the day's report or if you have any questions or suggestions on this proposed initiative.



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## DIARY DATE

Please make a note of the upcoming LTPHN event. Further information to follow via member's email and LTPHN website [www.ltpnh.org.uk](http://www.ltpnh.org.uk)

### LTPHN Wider Stakeholder Event: Inter-professional Learning and Public Health Practice

12<sup>th</sup> December 2008, City University

See website for other upcoming external events

## Childhood Obesity Project Update

### Kate Charlesworth gives an update on the scoping survey

As part of this project, we undertook a scoping exercise in order to determine existing service and training provision, for tackling childhood obesity, across London. This was in the form of a questionnaire, which was sent to all 31 London PCTs.

We were delighted with the response – we received contributions from 26 PCTs. The responses were overwhelmingly positive, and included a number of invaluable comments and suggestions.

The exercise demonstrated that there are a great diversity of training activities and initiatives being undertaken throughout London. Several PCTs are developing a structured approach whereby many frontline staff are trained to provide brief interventions, and then children and families who require further support are referred for additional services. We feel that Part 1 of our project, to develop and deliver a one day basic training package, will therefore complement PCTs' training objectives, whilst Part 2, delivering a detailed training package, will be developed to fit in with the more specific interventions.

At the time of writing, we have formed a small working group which has begun to develop the Part 1 training sessions, which we hope to commence in September.

## Developing the Third Sector Workforce

The London Region of Skills for Health, with the help of the LTPHN, organized a half day seminar to consult with leaders from third sector health organizations about their workforce development needs.

This was to ensure that the upcoming Sector Skills Agreement for London reflect the third sector's needs and priorities. A report on the event will be available soon from the Skills for Health <http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/page/nations-and-regions/london> London region website.

## Government consultation on a strategy for volunteers in health and social care

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 the DH announced its consultation towards a strategy for volunteering in health and social care. The consultation will end on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008. The LTPHN will be responding but please do get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions. For details of the consultations please go to [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/OrganisationsthatworkwithDH/Workingwithstakeholders/DH\\_085190#\\_1](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/OrganisationsthatworkwithDH/Workingwithstakeholders/DH_085190#_1)

## Public Health Walk

The LTPHN recently held a public health walk in Bloomsbury with network members. It was a great success. A report, including pictures, will be available in the next newsletter.

**Get involved....** Do please get in contact if you have any examples of good practice of public health capacity building that you would be happy to share with others in the network. This could be a novel public health course in London or an example of how people can learn about effective health improvement commissioning with third sector organisations. We are aiming to make this a regular feature in our newsletter and 'soon to come' new website. Please contact any of us below.

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