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News, views & updates for the Wider Stakeholder Group

## Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> Issue of the London Teaching Public Health Network

### A very Happy New Year to all our stakeholders.

This has been another very busy period for the Network. A major feature has been our second successful annual stakeholder conference kindly hosted by City University. The theme this year was interprofessional learning and public health practice. Details on the day are given below. The childhood obesity project is now well established and we now have two new members of staff to lead and help with this project.

### Welcome to our new team members:

- *Raheelah Ahmad joined us in September to lead on the LTPHN's childhood obesity project 'Healthy Weight for London's Children'*
- *Claire Williams also joined us in November to strengthen administrative support for the project*

### Skills Passport update

A full initial consultation report on the proposed development of a Skills Passport in Health and Well-Being, by London Teaching Public Health Network and Skills for Health, has been produced and will be circulated shortly. It will also be available to download on our website. For a copy of the report please contact **Lorraine Williams** at the LTPHN.

### Our Second Annual LTPHN Stakeholder Event:

#### 'Learning together for better health: exploring the role of interprofessional learning in building public health capacity'

City University's Cass Business School in Moorgate provided a first class background for our second annual stakeholder event held jointly with City on 12 December 2008. It was a well attended, stimulating and packed programme with plenary presentations and workshops from a variety of experts in interprofessional learning and practice. Julius Weinberg, pro Vice Chancellor at City, and Fiona Sim welcomed delegates with Julius chairing the morning session and Paul Lincoln, CEO of the National Heart Forum, chairing the afternoon. Plenary speakers included Hugh Barr from the Centre for the Advancement of Interprofessional Education; Sean Hilton, St. George's University of London; Della Freeth, City University; Hazel Stuteley, Peninsula Medical School and Tim Lang, City University. Workshops were organized to include a wide variety of examples of interprofessional learning and practice from public health and other related areas, including on-going research and development. The LTPHN presented a workshop on the *Healthy Weight for London's Children* Project and colleagues from West Midlands TPNH presented an innovative project to develop a public health training needs assessment tool.



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## DIARY DATE

UKPHA 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Health Forum:  
Health Inequalities – Turning the Tide  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
Brighton

See our website [www.ltphn.org.uk](http://www.ltphn.org.uk) for other upcoming events

The third sector was represented by Jo Guest, CEO of the National Healthy Living Alliance, who presented a workshop on how the Alliance fosters collaborative working in health and well-being across sectors, summarizing some recent work with third sector organizations and pharmacy students. Hazel Stuteley presented an inspirational talk and workshop on transformational community renewal in the West of Cornwall, probably one of the best examples of interprofessional working and learning to promote public health. A summary report on the day will be circulated to our stakeholders in the near future and will be available to download on our website.



Hazel Stuteley, speaking at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stakeholder Conference

## Childhood Obesity Project update

Level 1 training, to deliver basic one day brief intervention training to those who work with children in some capacity, is being rolled out in a number of PCTs in London. Evaluation to date is very positive. Part 2 of the project, to train trainers who work with children and families, who will then deliver the pilot intervention, is currently on target for February and March 2009. This level 2 intervention will be called 'Creating Health for Active London Kids, **CHALK**, and will be targeted at children age 4-7 and their families. The network is currently recruiting people to train to carry out this intervention. The four day training package is free and will be held in late January and early February in London. Please contact **Raheelah Ahmad** or **Claire Williams** for further details about this innovative pilot project, or if you are interested in applying to become one of our trainers.

## Project to develop e-guide to careers in public health

The LTPHN is representing national Third Sector interest in the newly created collaboration of PHORCaST (Public Health Online Resource for Careers, Skills and Training). PHORCaST is a partnership of the Public Health Resource Unit, National Teaching Public Health Networks and Skills for Health, supported by the four UK countries Departments of Health. The aim will be to produce a web based guide on all different career options in public health – a one stop information shop for individuals and organizations on public health careers, roles, routes, qualifications and training. It will be linked to the recently published national public health skills and career framework (PHSCF). For further information on PHORCaST and the PHSCF please visit [www.phru.nhs.uk](http://www.phru.nhs.uk) or contact **Lorraine Williams** (below) for specific information around Third Sector connections in this initiative.

## E learning update

The first ten e-learning modules (5 each at 2 educational levels) for public health competency areas, derived from Health Knowledge, will be available for self-directed learning very soon.

Please visit <http://www.healthknowledge.org.uk/> and follow link to Interactive Learning Modules. We hope there will be more Modules added before long.

## London CPD event 1<sup>ST</sup> Dec. (UEL)

LTPHN took part in a workshop organized by UEL with input from the Workforce team at NHS London, to explore CPD opportunities across London in public health, for people working in all sectors – public, third or commercial. The report of the event is awaited.

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