

Thursday 12th November 2009

SHARING PRACTICE NETWORK: PROGRAMME

"We need to imagine care not just as something that staff deliver to users but that many people participate in creating."

Charles Leadbetter

9.30am **Registration & Coffee**

10.00am **Welcome**

10.15am **Work in Progress**

Updates on the Short Break (Respite) Guidance, the Concordat commitment to additional respite weeks and progress on the development of a new Carers Strategy for Scotland.

- John Paterson, Head of Community Care, Renfrewshire Council
- Moira Oliphant, Team Leader, Policy for Unpaid Carers, Scottish Government
- Presentations / Chaired Discussion - Q&A

In November 2008 the Scottish Government & CoSLA issued new planning guidance [Short Breaks (Respite) CCD 4/2008] to local authorities and their community partners. The purpose of this guidance is to encourage a shift towards more flexible, person-centred approaches to short break service planning with a greater focus on prevention. The Government also provided additional funding to local authorities to increase the amount of provision across Scotland by 10,000 weeks by 2011.

In this session we will look again at the purpose of the guidance and discuss with delegates their views on the progress being made locally, the challenges faced, and what more needs to be done.

11.30am **Refreshments**

11.50am **Dragons' Den**

- Introduced by Mike Stevenson, Founder and Director of 'Thinktastic'
- Group Work

Working in small teams you'll spend some time developing and then pitching an idea to improve short break provision to our invited group of 'Ideas Investors'. Investors will be looking to back ideas which are innovative, sustainable and lead to better outcomes for those using short break services and their carers.

12.50pm **The Pitch!**

- Team presentations to our Ideas Investors

1.15pm **Lunch & Topic Tables**

Over lunch you'll have the opportunity to join or host a Topic Table. Topic tables can be used to seek help or advice from your colleagues, 'test fly' an idea that you may have been pondering, or simply share some information.

2.15pm **Creative Breaks**

- Family placements for adults with care needs: Anne Fernie, Scotland Development Officer, Shared Lives (www.naaps.co.uk)
- Direct Short Breaks - supporting disabled children to lead normal lives: Emma Clarke, Director, KIDS Direct Short Breaks (www.kids.org.uk)
- Presentations and Discussion

The purpose of our Creative Breaks session is to 'showcase' different examples of short break provision with an emphasis on flexible and personalised models of service delivery.

3.15pm **Refreshments**

3.30pm **Dragons' Den – The Results!**

- Feedback from the 'Ideas Investors'
- Discussion

3.50pm **Closing Remarks**

4.00pm **Finish**

We are very grateful to Renfrewshire Council for sponsoring this event