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## **Moving On Update**

### **Sharing information - learning disability - young people - transition - black and minority ethnic (BME)**

**Welcome** to the electronic **Moving On Update**. This Moving On Update is here to provide information to the carers and supporters of young people aged 14 and upwards from Black and Minority Ethnic communities who have a learning disability and are making the change from school to adulthood.

This electronic Update **runs alongside our website** [www.movingonup.info](http://www.movingonup.info) that is designed to be used by this group of young people supported by their carers.

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This Moving On Update goes out **free to all subscribers**. It will be **sent out monthly** and the project is currently funded until October 2007. Those who subscribe to come from a variety of backgrounds; some are professionals in both the public and private sector; some belong to voluntary organisations and others are people who have a learning disability or care for someone with a learning disability. Please feel free to forward the Update on to other people who may be interested. **If you have something you want to share amongst subscribers you are welcome to email it to us to** [pam.smith@arcuk.org.uk](mailto:pam.smith@arcuk.org.uk)

### **Sections** in the Moving On Update:

- **Useful information & news** about ethnic minority communities in England
- **Developments in strategies and policy**
- Interesting and important **meetings, conferences & events**
- **Moving On Up News** from our website [www.movingonup.info](http://www.movingonup.info)

## Useful information & news

### **Item 1**

#### **Valuing People Support Team**

##### *Update*

An article in last month's Learning Disability Today gives an update to the work of the Valuing People Support Team. They have been focusing on Transition, and in particular the role of the learning disability partnership board in providing the necessary elements for successful and inclusive transition to be achieved. In reality the article acknowledges that the lack of high aspirations, a robust system for ensuring that what matters to the young person is listened to and real equal opportunities in employment and education mean that transition is not often successfully navigated.

To read more about what is being done to improve this, see the article in Learning Disability Today, August 2007, Volume 07, Issue 03.

### **Item 2**

#### **Connexions News**

##### *Peer Mentorship Project*

Another article in last month's Learning Disability Today looks at a Peer mentorship scheme being run by Circles Network. Following the success of the Lets Get Together friendship group, they were encouraged to look at ways of strengthening the friendships between teenagers with and without learning disabilities in school. The non-disabled students taking part received four sessions of training which included topics such as advocacy, disability awareness, communication, person-centred approaches, inclusion and friendship. Some of the key aims of the project were for the students to get to learn from each other, respect each other and build friendships, and of course, to have fun!

To read more see the article in Learning Disability Today, August 2007, Volume 07, Issue 03 or to find out about Circles Network visit their website :

[www.circlesnetwork.org.uk](http://www.circlesnetwork.org.uk)

### **Item 3**

#### **Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities**

##### *Recognising Fathers Survey*

The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities would like to get a better understanding of the impact on men's lives of having a child with a learning

disability. They are seeking volunteers to take part in a survey considering issues such as father's involvement in childcare, the impact on their paid work and the changes in relationships with family & friends. They also want to find out what can be done to better support fathers .

To take part either visit their website at [www.learningdisabilities.org.uk](http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk) or [order online now](#) or telephone 0207 803 1144.

To request a hard copy please write to :

Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities  
Sea Containers House  
20 Upper Ground  
London  
SE1 9QB

(All hard copies sent out in the post will include a pre-paid envelope to return the completed questionnaire)

#### **Item 4**

**Russell House Publishing**  
*An Elephant in the Room*

Russell House specialise in books and journals for professionals and students involved in social work and social policy. They have recently released this title called "An Elephant in the Room" which is an equality and diversity training manual. The manual provides a discussion-based approach to getting people in the workplace talking openly about race, gender, disability, faith & sexuality. By raising the profile of equality and diversity in this way the author hopes to challenge people in workplaces and service delivery to establish equality and diversity as part of their organizational culture.

This book can be ordered online from the publishers or from Amazon for example.

#### **Item 5**

**Journal of Intellectual Disability Research**

*School's out : pathways for young people with intellectual disabilities from out-of-area residential schools or colleges*

Planning for the transition between children's & adults' services is failing young people with the intellectual disabilities & their families in the UK. This paper looks

at the results of interviewing 15 parents of young people from 5 areas of the UK to find out what they felt helped to make a satisfactory transition from an out-of-area residential provider on to the next phase of their life. Four key issues were identified as important for successful transition. These were networking with other parents/professionals, being proactive, having enough information and good planning. Most considered a good outcome to be if the young person was happy, fulfilled and stimulated.

For more information see

[www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/DisplayDocuments.asp?sesid=1433e6cc-9f69-40e8-9782-372ab32ca8e4](http://www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/DisplayDocuments.asp?sesid=1433e6cc-9f69-40e8-9782-372ab32ca8e4)

### **Item 6**

**Helen Sanderson Associates, CSIP, Valuing People, In Control**

After school - what's possible? Person-centered transition

This is a DVD resource for young people and their families to be watched before the Year 10 Review. It shows what is possible after school under each of the key topics of citizenship. It lasts 1 hour and 50 minutes and covers topics such as self-determination, direction, money, home, support & community life.

Copies costing £17.62 can be ordered through the [www.inclusiononline.co.uk](http://www.inclusiononline.co.uk) website.

## **Meetings, conferences & events**

### **Item 7**

**Learning Disability Today London**

*New Children's Zone*

In the past Learning Disability Today London has concentrated on adults with learning disabilities. This year they are expanding the event to include a new Children's Zone which will extend the work to promote best practice in this area of care.

The children's seminar themes will cover current key topics including: transition, short breaks, rights to participation and direct payments/individual budgets

The Learning Disability Today experience is about showcasing best practice, having fun and celebrating the achievements of people with learning disabilities and those working in the field

To register online visit their website [www.learningdisabilitytoday.org.uk](http://www.learningdisabilitytoday.org.uk)  
Or contact their ticket hotline on 0870 890 1080

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007

Location: Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH

Cost: In advance : £20 inc VAT

On the day : £25 inc VAT

### **Item 8**

#### **Oska Bright Film Festival 2007**

##### **Film Showcase**

The Oska Bright film festival is the only European film festival showcasing films made by and for people with learning disabilities. This year the festival is being held in Hove, East Sussex. They are showing some of the 38 short-listed films over two days and are having a master-class on film-making.

They have a fantastic website at [www.oskabright.co.uk](http://www.oskabright.co.uk) where you can find out about the films, film-making master-classes and meet the people who organize the event.

Unfortunately this Moving On Update is after the event, but maybe you have an idea for a film or want to get involved? There is always Oska Bright 2008 to look forward to!

### **Item 9**

#### **Good Practice Showcase in Cultural Competence**

##### **Working with Minority Ethnic Communities**

This conference aims to highlight how service providers have improved the way they work with minority ethnic communities and turned policies into action. The day will comprise a combination of Workshops and Presentations by the following people/organizations :

##### **Workshops**

- Tony Ovenell and colleagues (Dewsbury Hospital): [Learning Disability Partnership Board South Asian Sub-group](#)
- Clare Rayner, Reache North West (Salford Royal Foundation NHS Trust): [Refugee Healthcare Professionals A moral responsibility, and a resource for the NHS](#)
- Anitu Puri (Middlesbrough Council): [Developing Services for BME Communities](#)
- Prithvi Perepa (National Autistic Society): [Making Services Accessible for BME families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)
- Claire Randolph (Asthma UK): [Asthma UK Extends its Reach to BME](#)

### Communities

- Louise McChrystal and colleagues (Bradford PCT): [Staff Development - Working with Multilingual Communities](#)

### Presentations

- Policy Research Institute on Ethnicity and Ageing: Film presentation
- Sheffield Care Trust: BME Link Workers

Further details and a booking form are available from  
<http://www.etn.leeds.ac.uk/resources.htm>

To support people to attend, they are offering one free place for every 2 delegates from the same organisation.

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Location: Host Media Centre, 21 Savile Mount, Leeds, LS7 3HZ

Cost: £60 however a small number of free places are available for people with learning disabilities and family carers working with under-funded organisations.

### **Item 10**

#### **People's Place Leeds**

Launch event for new multicultural centre for people with learning disabilities

An exciting new centre providing a time and place for folks to drop in and meet is starting up in Leeds. To go to the launch just turn up! For more information, contact Manjit or Bhupesh on 0113 2624980.

Date: 4PM-6PM Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Location: People's Place Leeds, Unit 2, Technorth Family Learning Centre, 9 Harrogate Road, Leeds LS7 3NB

Cost: Free

### **Moving On Up News**

### **Item 11**

#### **National Learning Disability & Ethnicity Network Annual Conference Rescheduled**

The National Learning and Disability Ethnicity Network annual conference has had to be postponed from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 now until next year. The new date proposed will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Please update your diaries and our apologies for any inconvenience caused.