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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Health & wellbeing Indicator's Training 12 November
- IFH Strategy Review Workshop 20 November
- Fuel Poverty Conference 23 November

### New Funding Opportunity for Community Groups:

Community Development and Health Network is opening a new round of funding for its Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership Programme. The programme encourages local community groups and pharmacies to work together using a community development approach to meet local health needs. There are three levels of funding:

- Level 1 - provides up to £2,000 for a 9 months exploratory programme. This is useful for those groups who may not have entered into partnership with their pharmacy before and provides an opportunity to explore new ideas and develop initial partnership working. **Closing dates: 8th October 2009, 18th February 2010, 10th June 2010.**
- Level 2 - Provides up to £10,000 for a maximum of 2 years and is perfect for those who already have a clear idea of a project or programme they could run in partnership with their local pharmacist. **Closing date 19th November 2009**
- Level 3 - is for those who have already completed and evaluated a BCPP Programme. It can provide long-term funding over three years up to maximum of £30,000. **Closing date 19th November 2009**

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### Award for New Horizons Fermanagh

New Horizons Fermanagh, who are WIFH Partnership members since 2002, have just awarded the Cabinet Offices new "Customer Service Excellence" award.

The group went through the assessment process in September and achieved the award with 100% compliance, and an additional Compliance Plus recognition for their work on the development of an extended portfolio of accredited client

training. They are the first organisation in Northern Ireland to achieve the award at this level. During the assessment they drew reference to their link with Western IFH, particularly around the debt management research and training.

### Neighbourhood Renewal Initiative

Significant progress has been made in the development and roll out of a health improvement initiative under the WIFH remit lead by the WHSCT. The project which is valued at almost £480k will have direct leadership and input from the eight neighbourhood partnerships in the west and DSD. The project includes a high level management group to overview the strategic drive of the initiative which will include a range of activities and support functions to embed health improvement ethos in local neighbourhoods, further details on the project will be released in due course.

### **WIFH Supports Regional Fuel Poverty Conference**

WIFH/HAZ is supporting a regional conference on 23 November addressing the issue of Fuel Poverty. This follows on from the work the partnership has commissioned in the west to address the issue through its Early and Later Years sub-groups facilitated by WHAZ. In particular the work of the innovative Warm Zones will feature at the event which will take place in the Unison Buildings York Street Belfast. For further information on the event contact NEA on 028 90239989.

### **IFH Strategy Review**

The DHSSPS have commissioned a review of the IFH strategy. As part of the process a series of workshops are being held to allow key stakeholders to feed into the review. The event for the western area will take place in Gransha Park House at 10am on 20 November 2009 and all current past WIFH members/co-optees or any individual/group who were engaged in the process are welcome to attend. Please contact Tracy Ward on 028 71860086 or email [ifh.secretary@hscni.net](mailto:ifh.secretary@hscni.net)

### **Safe TALK - General Awareness on how to prevent suicide**

Safe TALK is a free three-hour workshop, which raises general awareness on how to prevent suicide in your community. The workshop equips participants with the skills to recognise a person with thoughts of suicide, to engage with them and then to connect them with an organisation or individual who can intervene and help keep them safe. A series of dates for the programs have now been agreed and will run from the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 initially in Fermanagh House Enniskillen throughout the Western IFH area up until the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.

If you are interested in attending any of the workshops please contact Debbie Hunter on **02871865127** or email [Deborah.Hunter@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Deborah.Hunter@westerntrust.hscni.net)

**Life Line - 0808 808 8000**

### **Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency Training Sessions**

Western Investing for Health have commissioned Northern Ireland Energy Agency to undertake 40 training sessions on fuel poverty and energy efficiency. Approximately 8 sessions will be held in each District Council Area between November 2009 and March 2010. These training sessions which are free will be targeted at front line staff within health and other statutory organisations and the community and voluntary sector. For further information in respect of these training sessions please contact Colette Brolly on 02871880221.

### **Living Life to the Full:**

Western IFH has commissioned Aware Defeat Depression to deliver the Living Life to the Full Programme across a range of settings in the Western Region. Three programmes are running at present:

- Derry City Council Area - Inland Revenue
- Strabane District Council Area - Strabane Stakeholders Forum (unemployed focus)
- Omagh District Council Area - Drumragh Integrated College.

The programme is based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) model and aims to embed champions for CBT within a range of workplace and community settings. Please contact Seamus at the IFH office or Pat Lynch at Aware (028 71 260602) should you wish to propose a workplace/setting for future training courses.

### **Membership Changes**

There have been a number of changes to the WIFH Partnership in the past few weeks. One of the most influential and active members of the partnership Deidre McNamee from the University of Ulster has had to set-down due to work commitments but is to be replaced by her colleague Bernie Reid. Deidre will act as mentor for Bernie until she has settled into her new role.

Superintendent Frankie Taylor from PSNI who was only recently appointed to the partnership is to be replaced by his colleague Sam Donaldson, Superintendent Taylor is keen to see a close relationship develop between the health improvement agenda and that of the wider community safety remit.

The newly formed Local Commissioning Group (West) has nominated their lead Paul Cavanagh to represent the wider commissioning role of the Health & Social Care Board on WIFH. This is an important appointment given the significant leadership role of the LCG. Paul is no stranger to WIFH, being the former HAZ Manager he was instrumental in the design and established of the partnership back in 2002.

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