

Ethnicity Training Network Newsletter

Quarterly Newsletter



Thank you for taking the time to read our third newsletter. It has all been happening here at the Ethnicity Training Network offices. We have been finding training courses for lots of people who are looking for training and are working with the commission for racial equality to solidify the award for cultural competence.



We are always looking for more members at the ethnicity training network so please contact us if you haven't joined yet – and please forward on our details to your friends and colleagues! The telephone number is 0113 3436903 and the email is etn@leeds.ac.uk.

Calling all trainers!

The Ethnicity Training Network has had lots of requests from services for trainers – but we don't have enough to fill the need! If you are a trainer in ethnicity and health then please register with us.



Please contact us and we will send you an application form. You can also download a form from our website.



When you send your application form back to us, please don't forget to include the information that we ask you to provide, as this stalls the registration process. There is a process for registration, as we need to check the quality of the training before we can recommend anyone.



Being a trainer in the network means that we can introduce you to some large organisations who have asked for training in ethnicity and health. The fees involved are between the trainers and the trainees.

£0.00

The Ethnicity Training Network's involvement is free of charge!

What is happening in the Network?

Goodbye!



Change of staff

I am leaving the Ethnicity Training Network. After a year in the post I will be going on to work with the NHS. It has been a very exciting and eventful year with the Ethnicity Training Network and I wish them every success in the future. Indeed, I hope that our paths will cross in my new position!

Thanks for all your help and support,

Catherine

Questionnaire for evaluation



The Ethnicity Training Network researchers have been working on some questions that they can give to trainees at various times during their training period to see whether the training is changing attitudes and improving services. The questionnaires are being piloted at the moment and will hopefully be available to give to one of our first training groups.

Ethnicity Training Network - out and about:

Conference: Empowering Young People at transition - a focus on education, training and employment

The Valuing People Support Team and the South West Learning Disability Network (SWALD) is holding a conference at the Loop Centre in Exeter on September 9th. It will focus on education and employment options for young people at transition to adulthood and will be an opportunity for young people, their parent carers and professionals to:

- Hear about the key messages from the White Paper, Valuing People and the Learning and Skills Council's Strategic Review
- Gain awareness of the statutory roles of the key agencies involved in supporting young people when they leave school and college
- Understand the barriers facing young people and how they can be overcome
- Learn about positive options that are open to young people in both the worlds of work and education
- Identify joint actions that could make a difference to the lives of young disabled people.

Hala Abuateya from the Ethnicity Training Network will be speaking at this conference. If you would like to book a place at this conference, or speak to SWALD please email Carol Robinson on Carol.Robinson@southglos.gov.uk.

BECOME A TRAINER WITH THE ETHNICITY TRAINING NETWORK!

Have you had bad experiences accessing health and social services due to cultural differences?

Often felt as though you are not getting the right treatment or that your needs are being ignored because you belong to a minority ethnic group?



If you answer **YES** to all these questions then you could be the person that we are looking for!

The Ethnicity Training Network is looking for carers to train as trainers for their network.



Once trained you will be asked to go into health and social services and talk about the experiences you have had, with professionals, in the hope that it will start to change their views and encourage a more understanding and culturally competent service.



You would act as a freelance trainer – arranging your fee with the services themselves. The Ethnicity Training Network would supply you with training, and would support you with needs such as venue and catering once you are running training sessions.



The 'training to become a trainer' course would be about 1 day a week, for about 6-8 weeks (full details to be confirmed). This course would be held in Leeds. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There will also be some homework to do! Your final qualification is based on a presentation that you do to the class on a topic of your choice. The course providers will support you all the way and will help you to be successful.

You do **NOT** need any kind of qualifications to do this. You need to be confident and ready to make a difference to the lives of people in your community.

If you are interested in getting more information on the above and joining the network as a trainer then please call us on 0113 3436903 or email Ethnicity Training Network@leeds.ac.uk



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!



Ethnicity Training Network Forum

If you need to discuss any issues with us or our members, please go to the forum that we now have on our website.

We would like to share good practice, as well as give advice and information surrounding ethnicity and health so please log on and get chatting!

www.etn.leeds.ac.uk

Friends of the Ethnicity Training Network:

ROOTS

The ROOTS team are Andrew, David, Dwight, Joycelin, Linda and Paul. ROOTS use a blend of stories, pictures, theatre, quizzes, video and music to give other people some insight into their lives. They started meeting in July 2003 with a year's funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. ROOTS are based in Chapeltown, Leeds.

As African Caribbean people with learning disabilities, they have grown up in world where inequalities and prejudice are common. Telling new people about their personal experiences is no easier for them than for anyone else - but they have bravely taken up the challenge.

Some things that have helped:

- Being paid for their work (they are setting up as a social firm)
- Supporting one another
- Learning more about black history and culture
- Gaining confidence through putting on their own conference in Leeds, and taking part in conferences in London, Birmingham and Manchester

ROOTS want to make things happen. They want better services for African Caribbean people with learning disabilities. They have joined the Ethnicity Training Network because health and wellbeing are so important to people's lives.

Newsletter deadlines mean that I have written this on behalf of ROOTS. They might have put things differently. The solution: check them out for yourselves!

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