

THE IAG / FRONTLINE WORKERS NETWORKING EVENT

Wednesday 10th February 2010, Brighthelm Centre, Brighton

9.30 AM Registration and Coffee

10.00 – 11.00 Facilitated Networking session

11.15 – 12.15 WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

Adult Advancement & Careers Service: and update on the government's tendering process and form the local 'hubs'

Attendees will learn about all the current services and outcomes being achieved in the 3 Neighbourhood Adult Advancement & Careers Service 'Hub's and how the plans for a central hub at Palace Place are progressing.

Get the latest from central government on the future of the service and how the national rollout will be managed.

Facilitator: Julia Reddaway, AACS Project Manager

How best to support clients with Mental Health issues into volunteering and employment

Attendees will get an overview of current and forthcoming government and local policy on supporting people with mental health issues into training and employment. Hear too from all the key service providers in the city and how your clients could benefit from their services and how you can refer clients into them.

Have the opportunity of discussing these issues with key people from The Richmond Fellowship, MIND, Impact Initiatives, Care Co-ops, The Sussex Partnership Trust and Jobcentre Plus.

The Labour Market in Brighton & Hove

Attendees will get an overview of the current labour market in Brighton & Hove and the surrounding area; highlighting where the jobs are and an overview of the local employment trends. Find out about how the Local Employment Partnership is working and how your clients might benefit. Get the update on the city's Future Jobs Fund Programme as well as how the Local Labour Scheme is helping create new jobs in the construction industry.

Facilitator: Linda Shaw, City Council's Local Labour Scheme Development Officer

Personal Development: Body Language

Gerry Thompson leads a one-hour interactive session on Body Language as an aspect of personal development. This will help us become aware of our body language as a form of creative expression, and give us a chance to experiment with working situations, in this playful and improvisational session.

Gerry runs Positive Comedy Training, using comedy and improvisation to help people develop skills for life and work. See www.positivecomedy.co.uk

12.30 – 13.00 Lunch

13.15 – 14.15 WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

The national Apprenticeship Scheme explained and information on grants for training and childcare

Find out how the scheme is working and et all the latest update on how free training can be accessed for employees and volunteers. Find out from the Learning & Skills Council what funding is available for training and Childcare.

Facilitator: Valerie Koffman, Learning & Skills Council

Can we use the Frontliners Social Networking site to improve advice giving in the city? Hands-on, discussion and debate: shape how this works in the city.

Hear about what makes a social networking site work; have a go at using 'Frontliners' and take part in a discussion on how signposting to advice services can be improved through the use of the site in Brighton & Hove.

Facilitator: Mark Walker, SCIP

How best to support people with Learning Difficulties into training, volunteering and employment

Attendees will get an overview of current and forthcoming government

and local policy on supporting people with learning difficulties/disabilities into training and employment. Hear from all the key service providers in the city about how your clients could benefit from their services and how you can refer clients into them.

Have the opportunity of discussing these issues with key people from the ASpire Project; The Ineract Project; Supported Employment; Grace Eyre; The Sussex Autistic Community Trust; Care Co-ops; Nourish; Jobcentre Plus Disability Employment Adviser

Facilitator: Maureen Pasmore, Brighton & Hove City Council's Supported Employment

Employer Engagement

Attendees will learn all about existing employer support in the local area. Find out who's doing what to support those further from the labour market into sustainable employment. You will learn about the services on offer and how you can access them for your clients. You will also understand how to get people 'job ready', why this is so important and the impact of getting it wrong.

Facilitator: Claire Mitchell, ENGAGE

14.30 – 15.30 WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

IAG Specific Training Needs of Frontline Workers

The Working Together Projects leads a workshop to establish the future training and development needs of Information Advice and Guidance workers in the city. The information gathered will help inform a training and development programme over the coming year, subject to funding.

Information Prescriptions – how to get the most out of the Information Portal

The PCT leads a 'hands-on' session using the Information Portal and offers the opportunity to help shape the contents. See how simple the portal is and how it can improve your information giving to your clients. Use your knowledge to feed into on-going development of this Frontline Workers' Tool

Facilitator: Jane Bolding, Brighton & Hove NHS

The Family Pathfinder Pilot in East Brighton

Attendees will learn about the Family Pathfinder programme in East Brighton. Find out how services are working together to bring about positive change in a holistic way, working with the whole family and know how and when you can refer your clients to the service (service is operating in East Brighton only as part of a government pilot)

Facilitator: Rachel Howard, Brighton & Hove City Council

Personal Development: The Art of Colour

Experience 'The Art of Colour' to change our emotions, thoughts and feelings. Find out how our birth date colours define our personality and use this knowledge for lovely and harmonious relationships! Learn how to daily use colour for balance and joy; colour takes the grey out of life!

Facilitator: Theresa Sundt

(There is a maximum number of 15 places on this workshop)