

Newsletter - May 2019

Feedback from past events

Recruitment Event 8th April 2019

Cheshire and Merseyside Social Work Teaching Partnership (CMSWTP) held a successful recruitment fayre attracting over 120 attendees on 8th April at the M&S Bank Arena. It provided an opportunity for Social Workers and Social Work students to meet with employers from across CMSWTP, to discover more about the work of the Partnership and for college/sixth form students to meet with HEI's. The event featured three workshops providing tips and advice on completing applications, interview techniques and the ASYE experience. Positive feedback was received with 100% of respondents agreeing that the event was a great opportunity to engage with everyone involved in the Partnership.

"This is a good opportunity to meet the potential employers and find out about the vacancies that are available."

"Thank you all very much for this event. It has alleviated some of the worry regarding employment. It also allowed me to discuss the questions I had about AYSE. Additionally finding out the differences within the local authorities and how they work and what is offered was very useful."

"All the staff were very friendly and supportive. Overall it was a great day and I would recommend the event to future students."

Development of Service User Training, 10th April

CMSWTP has been working on the development of a training package for service users and carers who are involved in admissions, assessment, planning and delivery across the four HEI's. The proposed package will be shared with service users and carer groups at the HEI's prior to being agreed and launched in September.

Student Associate Partner Forum, 10th April

The first Student Associate Partner Forum included discussions on the Recruitment Event, the placement process and Simulation Suites. Feedback from the group was shared with the Partnership Board this month.

Interface Enterprise Visionary Workshop, 26th April

Following a series of telephone calls between Interface and Workstream Leads, Board Members participated in a thought provoking Visionary Workshop facilitated by Interface Enterprises. The session confirmed that Board Members share the same aims and objectives and we are working together in partnership. The Workshop also highlighted a few additional actions to progress within our Workstreams. Interface followed up the Workshop with a series of telephone calls to other key members of the Partnership, including Principal Social Workers. Interface is due to issue the Interim Evaluation Report by the end of May 2019.

Workplace Supervisor Training Package, 7th May

CMSWTP has been working on the development of a training package for Workplace Supervisors across the Partnership. The first event will take place in September.



Upcoming events

Practice Educator Forum, Wednesday 26th June, 09:00 - 13:00, Halton Stadium

The event will be an opportunity for Practice Educators from across CMSWTP to come together to share ideas, best practice and to learn more about the Teaching Partnership. If you would like to secure a place, please follow the link to our website/events page: <https://teachingpartnership.org/events/>

Save the date - CMSWTP Research Conference - Friday 20th September 2019

Please save the date for our first Research Conference to be held in September. It is aimed at all Teaching Partnership practitioners (including ASYE's), Academics and Senior Managers. The conference programme will explore:

- What constitutes practitioner/practice based research and the various research methods used
- Current opportunities and challenges - we value the voice of practitioners in shaping what and how we progress research for Social Workers in our LA's and HEI's
- Themes for the Teaching Partnership to research - we will be identifying research teams and would welcome your ideas or contribution to this initiative.

National Social Worker of the Year Awards

The 2019 Social Worker of the Year Awards are now open for your nominations. Please visit <https://www.socialworkawards.com/>. It would be great to see members of the CMSWTP workforce nominated in some of the 18 categories available. The closing date is Friday 19th July and the Awards Ceremony will be held in London during November 2019.

Partnership updates

New social network pages

The Teaching Partnership now has Twitter and Facebook accounts. You can show support by following us for updates and giving a 'like' to our blog and upcoming events. Please use our Twitter handle [@CMSocialWorkTP](https://twitter.com/CMSocialWorkTP) and Facebook page [Cheshire and Merseyside Social Work Teaching Partnership](https://www.facebook.com/CheshireandMerseysideSocialWorkTeachingPartnership)

Your Partnership needs you!

We would really appreciate your contributions to the following sections of the Newsletter:

- Partner Introduction/Spotlight
- Good News Stories
- Other Topics

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