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## **North Somerset Local Involvement Network**

### **January '11 Member's Bulletin**

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## 1. Local LINK News

### Two New Committee Members!

We would like to formally welcome two new individual members onto the LINK Committee. Paula Edmondson and Chris Phillips' nominations to become members of the committee were ratified in November, at the last quarterly LINK Committee meeting (Chris is also now a member of the Management Sub Committee or 'MSC') and we are delighted to have them on board.

There is now only one further space available for individual members to join the LINK Committee, but there are 6 spaces available for Organisational members, so please get in touch for an informal chat, if you are an individual or organisational member, that would like to be more actively involved.

## 2. LINK Meetings – First Quarter of 2011

### January 2011

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2-5pm**, Special Management Sub Committee Meeting (MSC) to discuss Consultation responses – See consultations section for details.  
Horsecastle Chapel, Horsecastle Farm Road, Yatton BS49 4PP

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10-12noon**, MSC Members meeting with representative from Healthy Futures Programme  
Yatton Methodist Church, Rm 2, High Street, Yatton BS49 4HJ

### February 2011

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12-1pm**, Management Sub Committee (MSC)  
Yatton Library, Wake Worlock Room, High Street, Yatton,

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 10.30-12.30**, LINK Quarterly Committee Meeting  
The Folk Hall, High Street, Portishead, BS20 6PR

### March 2011

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, 10-12pm**, LINK MSC meeting – maybe subject to change  
Yatton Methodist Church, Rm 2, High Street, Yatton BS49 4HJ

### 3. Events and Conferences

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 - 'Your North Somerset' Event**

Once again, North Somerset Council and partners are hosting their popular 'Your North Somerset' Event at the Winter Gardens in Weston Super Mare, from 12 – 4pm. The event is free and will be promoting volunteering as a theme – what volunteers already do and what opportunities there may be to volunteer. If you attend you can also expect:

- Entertainment and food provided by members of North Somerset's diverse communities
- Information and services from voluntary organisations
- Family entertainment and children's activities
- Advice on a range of issues including community safety, employment, volunteering, health and care services

NS LINK will have a stand there, so please come along and say hello!

For more information tel: 01934 634832 or e-mail: [equality@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:equality@n-somerset.gov.uk) .

#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 9 – 12.30pm – Age UK Big Advice Day**

Venue: United Reformed Church, Waterloo Street, W-S-M

Age UK Somerset will be running another of their popular 'Big Advice Days' in the new year and NS LINK will have a stand there as usual.

For further information, contact Ria Gilliani, Community Connect Development Worker, Age UK Somerset on tel. 0845 643 4706

### 4. Items of Interest



**Voluntary Opportunity: Lead Service User and Carer Representative  
West Hub, Mental Health Research Network**

The West Hub of the Mental Health Research Network (MHRN) is looking for a new Lead Service User Representative. This position will suit an experienced service user / carer with some knowledge of research.

The post will involve sitting on our Hub Executive Committee, being involved with Hub interview panels for new staff, sitting on our Service User Steering Group, helping with our annual research day and representing the Hub as appropriate. All expenses will be paid and financial remuneration is available for duties carried out.

For an informal chat about the position or to request a full description of the role please contact: Nathan Filer, School of Social & Community Medicine, University of Bristol, Oakfield House, Oakfield Grove, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2BN, e-mail: [Nathan.Filer@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:Nathan.Filer@bristol.ac.uk) or telephone 01173 313368.

**'ITV Fixers' is a national campaign supporting 16-25 year olds** to take action on any issue they feel strongly about. What they choose to do is up to them, as long as it benefits others. We support young people to make films, hold events, create websites, launch campaigns and much more. Please take a look at our website [www.itvfixers.com](http://www.itvfixers.com) for more information.

They have been working with 24 year old Hayley Boulden to raise awareness of disabled surfing in a bid to encourage more people with disabilities to get out in the sea's waters around the south west of the country.

Hayley has been volunteering with a charity, Freedom Surf, based in Newquay to help with disabled surf lessons. She felt that many people with a disability might be anxious to have a go at surfing or other water sports and might even feel that it is an activity they're unable to participate in. Hayley enlisted the help of ITV Fixers to change this by building a website - [www.surf4freedom.com](http://www.surf4freedom.com) – to encourage people with disabilities to give surfing a go. The website provides helpful information on the best beaches to visit with disabled access and facilities, links to useful organisations, a forum for users to share experiences, information and ask questions, an events page and much more.

Hayley hopes the website will 'help to inspire anyone with any kind of disability, to know it's possible for them to surf, and to help them conquer any fears or doubts that may be stopping them from stepping into the big blue sea.'

If you have useful contacts with any disability based organisations please forward this information on to them or alternatively pass on their details to: Katie Ost, Young People's Co-ordinator, Fixer Support, ITV Fixers ([www.itvfixers.com](http://www.itvfixers.com)). Telephone 01962 670 370 | 07967 454 140 | or e-mail: [katieo@itvfixers.com](mailto:katieo@itvfixers.com).

## 5. Local and National Consultations

**There will be a special LINK Management Sub Committee (MSC) meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, with speakers from NHS North Somerset and North Somerset Council, to discuss a collective response to the following three consultations:**

### **North Somerset Community Services : Proposals for Social Enterprise**

The aim of this document is to explain the plans for NHS North Somerset PCT Provider Services, known as NHS North Somerset Community Services, to separate from the PCT by April 2011. It is not planned that the separation of NHS North Somerset Community Services will result in any changes to the provision or operation of these services, only to the organisation which provides them. This means that there will be an impact on NHS North Somerset employees and therefore a formal consultation is being carried out from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011. To view the document, follow this link: [http://www.nsomersetlink.co.uk/consultations\\_58\\_1295732070.pdf](http://www.nsomersetlink.co.uk/consultations_58_1295732070.pdf)

### **North Somerset Partnership's Older People's Strategy**

Following a consultation on priorities for the Older People's Strategy earlier this year, which the LINK responded to, a consultation on the Older People's Draft Strategy April 2011-2017 is now being held and closes on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011. To find out more, follow this link:

[http://www.nsomersetlink.co.uk/consultations\\_58\\_1308045086.pdf](http://www.nsomersetlink.co.uk/consultations_58_1308045086.pdf)

### **Transparency in outcomes: a framework for Adult Social Care**

This consultation document proposes a new strategy for transparency, quality and outcomes in adult social care. It sets out an enabling framework which aims to empower councils, local people and the wider social care sector to take new leadership roles. It provides a support to the critical link between adult social care and other local partners, such as the NHS, as well as demonstrating social care's important contribution to the Government's new Transparency Framework. The consultation closes on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011. To view the document, follow this link:

[http://www.nsomersetlink.co.uk/consultations\\_58\\_4054820168.pdf](http://www.nsomersetlink.co.uk/consultations_58_4054820168.pdf)

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