

SUN update

Service User Network

Issue February 2010



SUN update

Firstly I would like to thank all of those who attended the Service User Network meeting on 21 January.

It was our biggest turn out so far and I would like to thank people for giving up their time to attend. Unfortunately we experienced a few problems on the day and I would like to apologise for the technical difficulties we experienced. I will make sure we are able to watch the Moores House and Project 24/7 DVD's at the next SUN meeting.

Our previous SUN meetings have been well attended and have received positive feedback. I hope you will continue to support the network and attend our meetings as your input is important to it's success and to the current/future services for people in Salford!

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting in May.

Jane Medd
Service Development Officer
Supporting People Team

Inside this edition

SUN update

Project 24/7

Animators Project -
Salvation Army

Learning Difficulties
presentation summary

Moores House, Salford

Current and future events

The next SUN meeting will
be on...

Friday 21 May at:

Pendleton Gateway,
1 Broadwalk,
Pendleton,
Salford,
M6 5FX
from 13:00 - 16:00

Salford City Council

Project 24/7

Project 24/7 is a Youth Homeless and Peer Mentoring Project based at The Beacon Centre. It runs a drop-in, supported by Peer Mentors, on Tuesdays from 15:00 - 17:00 for young people aged 14-25 at risk of homelessness and a group for volunteers undertaking the ASDAN Peer Mentoring Award, on Thursday's from 13:30 - 15:30.

Volunteer Peer Mentors from Project 24/7 made a DVD in conjunction with 42nd Street, entitled 'identity unknown'. Shelly Johnston is one of the volunteers who contributed to this process:

"The idea of the film was to address how homeless young people get stereotyped and how mental health can be affected by it. We also wanted the film to show the support that is out there for young people and how we are all moving on in a positive direction."

The DVD has been shown in schools and has been well received!

To find out more about the work of Project 24/7 or to make a referral, please contact:

Fliss Johnson Standley
Project Co-ordinator

Tel: 0161 778 0707

Email: fliss.johnstonstandley@actionforchildren.org.uk

Project 24/7
Youth Homelessness and Peer Mentoring
Beacon Centre
London Street
Salford
M6 6QT

Animators Project - Salvation Army

The Animators Project supports people who are in long term unemployment to return to work.

The project enables young people to get involved in community action.

Two part time staff will be employed through the project and will start work in the spring of 2010 and the second round of staff will start a month later. They will work in the centre for 6 months. Employment Plus will carry on providing support after the placement and will provide help to people involved to use the experience to get back into work.

The positions for James Street will be advertised in the Job Centre and applications can be made online from Monday 1 February.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me with one of the project staff at James Street.

Salvation Army
1 James Street
Salford
M3 5HP

Tel: 0161 831 7020

Fax: 0161 834 3699

On behalf of the Service User Network, I would like to wish David Rose, Scheme Manager at the Salvation Army, all the very best in his retirement!

Learning Difficulties Presentation Summary

People with learning difficulties are known to be marginalised and isolated in our society. The network of speaking out groups described below seeks to engage people both as part of a group and as part of a wider community. The groups develop people's confidence in speaking their minds and influence and shape services (both those services specific to people with learning difficulties and universal services available to all) at the point of delivery and in planning of local and national services.

- Decisions about Learning Difficulties services are made by the Partnership Board
- The voices of people with learning difficulties feed into this Partnership Board in a number of ways - through direct representation and through other groups, which include speaking out groups within each day centre and Independent Self Advocacy (ie Salford Being Heard) which link to regional and national groups of self advocates
- The Listening to People group is a Partnership Board sub group made up entirely of self advocates
- This group also has events about certain subjects to make sure anyone with learning difficulties can get their point of view across
- All information is in an easy read format to help people understand what has been said and what has been done about it

The outcomes for group members vary widely dependent on their experience in speaking up and taking control of their lives and services. For some people a positive outcome is the opportunity to say what they think, make a decision or just to be listened to in a safe and supportive environment. These skills can then be used in the rest of a persons life. For others they will have the satisfaction of raising an issue in a group and then seeing that through to a change in a service policy.

All members report a feeling of belonging, of being a part of a group and of increased knowledge of their rights and local and national initiatives.

If you require any futher information on the above or would like to become involved in any of the groups, please contact:

Linzi Brook
Development Worker for People with Learning Difficulties
Crompton House
100 Chorley Road
Swinton
M27 6BP

Tel: 0161 793 2120
Email: Lindsay.brook@salford.gov.uk



Moore's House, Salford



In October 2006, Retail Trust bought a site formerly owned by the Humphrey Booth Housing Association. When completed, Retail Trust will offer 50 brand new flats for people who are retired from retail, located in Shelmerdine Gardens in Salford.

The estate provides accommodation and support that is tailor-made so that each resident can maintain a lifestyle that is as independent as possible.

The newly developed estate will include a new state of the art Community Centre including a cafe, activity room, communal hall and hairdressers, offering an active and stimulating environment for the residents and their friends and relatives.

If you would like more information about Moore's House, please contact:

Debbie Knight
Extra Care Housing Manager on;

Tel: 0161 241 3701

Moore's House
Shelmerdine Gardens
Cholmondeley Road
Salford
M6 8PF

www.retailtrust.org.uk

Current and future events

The Service User Network is always keen to promote events and activities that may be of interest to our members. It is an ideal place for people to be made aware of meetings that may be of relevance to them and to have a say in the services that they are receiving.

We are also keen to promote any meetings that you think would be relevant to our members and would welcome information on those that people feel would be relevant to people living in supported accommodation, carers, advocates and support workers.

If you would like to publicise any meetings that you think would be of interest to our members in this update or would like to promote events or areas of good practice, then please contact Jane.

Here are a just a few meetings that people promoted at our last meeting.

[‘Have Your say about Jobs, Benefits and Money’](#) at Salford Link on:
Thursday, February 25th 2010

If people need support with transport or would like more information please contact:

Linzi Brook
Development Worker for People with Learning Difficulties
Crompton House
100 Chorley Road
Swinton
M27 6BP
0161 793 2120

[Salford Being Heard Partnership Board Conference](#) - What has the partnership board done for you and how to have a say:

Thursday 11th March
Buile Hill Park
Doors open 10am
Please contact Janet, Claire or Pat for more information;
0161 789 7878

[Children & Younger People’s Partnership Board](#) - Younger people’s representatives from the service user network will be presenting the younger people’s housing plan at this meeting on:
Thursday 23rd Feb 2010

[Salvation Army](#) - Animators Project aims to support people who have been in long term unemployment to return to work.

For young people (18-25). To apply must you must be out of work for 26 weeks+

For more information please see the newsletter or contact, Salvation Army on:
0161 831 7020.

Your Service User Network contact is Jane Medd, you can contact Jane on:

Tel: 0161 922 8759

Email: jane.medd@salford.gov.uk or write to:

Community Housing Development Team,
Salford City Council,
Sustainable Regeneration Directorate,
Civic Centre,
M27 5BY

