EOU Bulletin

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EOU Training and Events

Evening Seminar: Improving Your Monitoring And Evaluating Systems

Date: 13th December
Time: 5pm-8pm
Venue: the Evelyn Oldfield Unit's offices in the Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA.

On the 13th of December, the Unit will be running an evening seminar looking at how to improve and build upon your monitoring and evaluating systems. This will help you to respond to funders' reporting requests but also to identify the real impact you are having on your community. Each of the attendees will be given a copy of the Unit's brand new evaluation toolkit, a practical guide full of useful resources for you to adapt to your groups' needs.

This will be run at the Evelyn Oldfield Unit's offices in the Resource Centre from 5pm until 8pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Sarah on sarah@evelynoldfield.co.uk or on 0207 697 4102 to register your interest or for further information.
This course will be repeated on the 25th of January, the 22nd of February and the final session on the 28th of March. All of the evening seminars will run from 5pm until 8pm.

Other Agencies Trainings and Events

Free "CV Writing" Course

Date: December - 2nd and 9th
Time: 10am-1pm
Venue: 534A Holloway Road (off Windsor Road), London N7 6JP

Looking for work? Would you like CV Building support?

The "CV Writing" course is a three day course which we will run in November/December 2011.

We can:

- Work with you on an individual basis and support you in looking for work and plan your next steps with you
- Help you with drafting a CV and completing job applications
- Assist you in identifying and achieving your goals
- Advise you on training and volunteering opportunities

The course is free of charge. If you would like more information please contact 020 7263 6317 or 020 7263 6261 or email at Chrystalla2002@hotmail.com or Chrystalla@arachne-group.org.

There are a limited number of spaces available so book early to avoid disappointment.

Looking For UK Youth!

Date: 5th December – 10th December 2011.

Want to tour London for FREE and meet Italian youth!?! Have your expenses covered for a whole week of exciting activities? By joining our youth exchange programme you will take part in fun and thought provoking intercultural and interfaith activities revolving around the theme of a "multicultural London". You'll have the chance to make new friends and visit London's landmarks for FREE!!! We are particularly keen on hearing from males aged 15 - 17 years old. For more information please contact info@jantrust.org (limited places!)

Jan Trust – Seminar On Gang Life And Its Effects

Date: 18th December.
Time: 1pm – 3pm.
Venue: Wood Green Library, High Rd, Haringey, London, N22 6XD.

JAN Trust presents a seminar on gang life and its. The talk will be catering for youth and their parents in order to raise awareness of various issues surrounding crime such as gang culture; postcode wars; gang signs and street law.
Speakers include Hassan, a former committed Crip member from California USA. Hassan's sister was a Blood member who tried to kill him 3 times.
Other speakers include Ismael Lea South, former member of the well known hip hop and rap group Mecca to Medina and Salam Project UK Founder as well as Saleh Luqman who is a dedicated youth and community worker.
Come and listen to their experiences and have the opportunity to ask them all questions!
Attendance is by sign up ONLY!
Please visit http://www.jantrust.org/events/147-gang-related-life-in-the-crips to sign up.

Spaces are extremely LIMITED and only available by booking in advance!

Counselling For Non-Counsellors

Staff and volunteers from BAMER groups working within North West London (Barnet, Brent, Harrow, Ealing, Hillingdon) are invited to express interest in taking up a place on Relate North West London's 4 day course on "Counselling for Non-Counsellors".

The course is for those engaged in a helping or supporting role and offers a framework and some of the skills necessary in helping others and covers topics such as an introduction to counselling skills, interview management and time keeping, self awareness, enabling

change, the need for clear boundaries and structure, ethical issues, the limitations of the use of counselling skills and the need for support.

Please note this course does NOT provide a qualification in counselling. However, the course is accredited by the Open College Network Central England and provides three Open College Credits at Level 2 or Level 3.

Under the Lottery funded Working Together Initiative a limited number of places can be made available free of charge to people from BAMER groups. Interested individuals should contact zibiah.alfred@relatelondonnw.org.uk for further details and an application form.

LOTTERY FUNDED

Benefits, Debts and Housing Advice

Venue: Osmani Centre, 58 Underwood Road, London E1 5AW.

The sessions will offer specialist level as well as basic advice, information and casework on welfare benefits, debt, housing, consumer and employment issues.

Welfare & Housing Advice

- Entitlement & Claims
- Refusal / Reduction of a Benefit
- Social Fund Loans & Grants
- Housing & Council Tax issues
- Disability Living & Attendance Allowance
- Appeals
- Better off Calculations
- Rent Arrears
- Employment and Support Allowance

Debt Advice

- Council Tax Debts
- Credit Cards
- Gas / Electric / Water debts
- Overdrafts
- Possession Notices / Eviction

Contact:
Azad Hussain 020 7247 8080 ext.718
email: eet@osmanitrust.org

Looking For Work? - Free Job Surgeries

Venue: Osmani Centre, 58 Underwood Road, London E1 5AW.

Book on to one of our FREE job surgeries to help you get that job!
Writing a good CV:

Learn how to showcase your skills and increase your chance of getting an interview
Finding a job:
Learn techniques for finding jobs that aren't always advertised and unlock new opportunities.
Support with application forms.
Coaching and Motivating.
Interview skills:
Practical advice to help you prepare for that interview and impress employers

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Other Agencies Notification

Be a Communications Volunteer at STAR (Student Action for Refugees)

Would you like to use your communication skills to improve the lives of refugees in the UK? We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer who has experience of writing and editing content for publication. You will support our national team by writing articles and content for our website, social media and newsletters and assist in producing campaign materials. Ideally you will be able to volunteer for 1-2 days a week for a minimum of 3 months.

STAR is the national network of student groups working to improve the lives of refugees in the UK by promoting positive images of refugees, volunteering for local refugee projects, and campaigning for better conditions for refugees.

For more information and to apply go to
http://www.star-network.org.uk/index.php/about/volunteering_opportunities

Want To Help Make A Difference For People Seeking Sanctuary? Research Participants Wanted

We are looking for people who are currently seeking asylum or have refugee status in the UK to attend a one-off research interview. Interpreters are available for non-English speakers and travel expenses will be reimbursed. If you are keen to take part, or if you run a group or organisation working with people who may be suitable, it would be great to hear from you.
Frequently, people who are suffering after traumatic experiences report memories in a general way and find it difficult to provide information about specific events. The problem is that general accounts are often considered by decision makers (UKBA or Immigration Judges) to be less believable than specific ones, so there is a danger that traumatised claimants have less chance of getting a fair decision. We intend to build understanding of

what influences the way memories are reported. The Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law has a track record of quality research being used to help professionals and decision-makers make better judgments.
Participants (adults currently seeking asylum or with refugee status) will be asked to answer questions about how they are feeling and to carry out two verbal tasks. They will not be asked to recount any traumatic experiences. Everything will be kept entirely confidential and anonymous. Participants in similar studies give positive feedback on their experience. Information from a relatively small number of participants could have a big impact on the way asylum applications are considered in the legal system.

Please play a part. Contact Belinda Graham
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Research sponsored by University College London and approved by Camden & Islington NHS Research Ethics Committee [Project ID: 11/LO/1284] Managed in collaboration with Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law http://www.csel.org.uk/

Job Opportunities At Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL)

AFRIL is a small but successful charity working to relieve poverty and isolation among refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants. Our services include ESOL classes, a supplementary school for children, advice service and a day centre.

Job Summary

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated teacher to teach English and Maths to children aged 7-12 years old at the Rainbow Club, our popular supplementary school for refugee, asylum seeker and migrant children in the Lewisham area.

As a supplementary school, the Rainbow Club faces many challenges, including fluctuating attendance and a higher than average number of children with special needs in the classroom. The job is very varied and exciting and will appeal to someone who has been working as a teacher (preferably primary) and who is seeking a wider development opportunity to work within a non-profit organisation outside of the formal education system.

Salary: £20 per hour
Working hours: 3.5 hours per week (term time only)
Contact time 9.30-11.30 on Saturdays @£20 p/h
Preparation time 30 minutes (unpaid),
Setting up and briefing volunteers on Saturdays: up to 1hour (unpaid)

For more information or to apply for this post, please email Iolanda Chirico, AFRIL manager, your CV and a covering letter clearly stating how you meet the requirements in the Person's specification to: iolanda@afril.org.uk
Closing date Saturday 10 December 2011.
www.afril.org.uk

Tutor for AET and EOU Community Empowerment Training Course

(Africa Educational Trust) AET and EOU (The Evelyn Oldfield Unit) are working in partnership to run a Community Empowerment Training programme for 35 members of London based refugee and community organisations. It is a year long course accredited through OCN (Open College Network) London Region. It started in Sept 2011, completing Oct 2012. The overall aim of the course is to strengthen research and advocacy skills within London's refugee and migrant community organisations. The course consists of three OCN accredited units (Community Research, Community Advocacy and Presentation Skills). Additional unaccredited modules include: Strategic Planning and Fundraising, and Monitoring and Evaluation.

Role Description

We are looking to recruit a Community Advocacy Course tutor from Feb – June 2012.
Your rolewill include:
-To act as tutor for Community Advocacy and Presentation Skills modules. Running session once a fortnight from 10am – 3pm
-To update existing course materials and develop some new course materials as required
-To provide additional support and guidance to your trainees outside of contact hours
- To mark and assess your trainees work in accordance with OCN accreditation regulations
- To act as an internal verifier for other course module facilitators
- To coordinate with AET and EOU project coordinators on relevant course matters
- To provide AET and EOU with regular updates on participants progress
- To complete a final course review report for AET and EOU
- To assist with preparation and attend a final research presentation event
- To be willing to work with and attend project management committee meetings
- To attend OCN training sessions on assessment and moderation

If you are interested in applying for this role, please send your CV and covering letter to h.rounding@africaeducationaltrust.org. For more information, tel: 020 7831 3283.

Contact Us

If you have any comments about this e-bulletin or would like more information about the work of the Evelyn Oldfield Unit, please get in touch.

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