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## Happy New Year and best wishes for 2012

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## SSSC NEWS

### Shout about your success – enter the Care Accolades 2012

Minister for Children and Young People, Aileen Campbell has joined Garry Coutts, Convener of the SSSC, in calling for social service organisations in Scotland to enter the Care Accolades 2012 and get recognition for the difference they are making to the lives of many people. **Read more...**

For further information about entering the Care Accolades or to watch short films of previous Care Accolades finalists visit our website: [www.sssc.uk.com/ca](http://www.sssc.uk.com/ca)

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### Social service workforce continues to adapt to changes

The social service workforce in Scotland is growing at a consistent level according to the SSSC Workforce Data Report 2010. **Read more...**

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### Re-imagining social services: engaging with the private and voluntary sectors

As a result of our Re-imagining project and feedback from stakeholders, we are currently exploring how we engage with the sector on key workforce issues. We're particularly keen to explore new ways of engaging with private and voluntary sector social service providers. **Read more...**

Read a summary of the project from the Design Innovation Team at Glasgow School of Art and find out what the SSSC plans to do next in Anna Fowlie's response. **Read more...**

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### Working together to support social work and teaching students in Scotland

The SSSC and the General Teaching Council for Scotland have launched an innovative new guidance kit to help disabled social work and teaching students to achieve their full potential. The guidance helps lecturers, tutors and others involved with students to provide vital learning support. **Read more...**

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## Promoting Excellence for people with dementia and the new Dementia DVD

We'll be sending out our **Informed about Dementia: Improving Practice** DVD, the first new resources as a result of **Promoting Excellence: for all health and social services staff working with people with dementia, their families and carers**.

Also, three advisers have now been appointed to take forward the work in relation to supporting the implementation of the Promoting Excellence (in dementia care) framework. [Read more...](#)

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## Evaluation of pilot PLQ(SS) level 9 programmes

The Practice Learning Qualifications (Social Services) (PLQ(SS)) were developed to recognise the contribution made by social service workers in a wide range of roles to the learning of others in the workplace. They can be undertaken at four different levels within the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF): at SCQF levels 7, 9, 10 and 11. [Read more...](#)

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## It's an honour

We want to make sure that people working in the social services sector get the recognition they deserve – including in the UK Honours system. The sector's been notoriously under-represented when it comes to OBEs, CBEs and other honours and we want to change that. [Read more...](#)

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## Making virtual training a reality

Keith Quinn, Senior Education and Workforce Development Advisor at the SSSC, speaks to UKAuthorITy about the SSSC's award winning reality training model which uses games consoles to improve learning retention among social services staff. [Read more...](#)

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## CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

Click on the links below to find out more...

[SSSC survey - Your views - what are the skills that social service workers need?](#)

## **Scottish Government consultation on advocacy for children**

## **Scottish Government consultation on the review of the Unified Voluntary Sector Funds and CLD HQ Funds**

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### **SSSC EVENTS**

#### **Leadership conversations and master classes**

**Edinburgh – 25 January 2012**

**Stirling – 9 February 2012**

**Inverness – date to be announced**

**Glasgow – date to be announced**

**Dumfries – date to be announced**

SSSC leadership conversations and master classes are open to anyone involved in leadership in the social services sector and other related organisations. The events will be exciting, innovative and challenging!

If you've already shown an interest or support for leadership we'll be in touch.

**Edinburgh** - The first leadership master class will be conducted by Graham Thomson, University of Edinburgh

**Stirling** – Shirley Cairney, Inverclyde Council

Speakers for the Inverness, Glasgow and Dumfries events will be announced shortly.

If you're interested in attending any of these events or if you would like more information please contact: [anne.whigham@sssc.uk.com](mailto:anne.whigham@sssc.uk.com)

Keep checking the SSSC website for news, events and updates on leadership in the social services sector: <http://ewd.sssc.uk.com/ewd/workforce-development/leadership-in-scotlands-social-services.html>

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### **CLF gathering groups and information sessions**

Are you using the Continuous Learning Framework (CLF)? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Why not come and share your experiences with others at our next group meetings?

The groups are being hosted by participant organisations on a rota basis who offer their venues. The current meetings are being hosted in Aberdeen, Inverness, Perth, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dumfries. Find the dates and venues on the [CLF website](#)

#### **CLF Information Sessions**

We are anticipating hosting CLF information sessions early in the new year for people who have a little or no knowledge of the Framework but who would like to learn more before embarking on their CLF journey. Find the dates and venues on the [CLF website](#)

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## SECTOR NEWS

### Scottish Child Care and Protection briefing papers

The Scottish Child Care and Protection Network has published short digests of research findings on issues pertinent to child welfare and protection. [Read more...](#)

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### Evidence-informed practice in Scotland

IRISS is involved in a project to showcase evidence-informed practice in Scotland, and as part of this, is building up a series of case studies on the use of evidence in organisations. [Read more...](#)

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### Can involving older people change service commissioning and delivery for the better?

New research which investigated what happens when older people are given the opportunity to shape service commissioning and delivery is now available. [Read more...](#)

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## Upcoming training courses

[Download Children in Scotland's new training guide](#)  
[Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability courses](#)  
[25/04/12 Learning disability and dementia – Training for trainers](#)

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[18/01/12 The future challenges for elderly care services in Scotland](#)

[20/01/12 Social Media and Personalisation Practice Exchange](#)

[24/01/12 Engaging with young people](#)

[27/01/12 SFHA Chair's Conference](#)

**22/02/12 Relationships and Resilience**

**29/02/12 The Gathering 2012**

**13/03/12 Scottish Government and local authorities: Building strong and vibrant communities**

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