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Countdown to the Care Accolades 2009

The wait is nearly over for the 19 finalists for the Care Accolades 2009, the prestigious ceremony for the social service workforce in Scotland.

The Care Accolades organised by the SSSC in partnership with the Scottish Government provides the sector with the opportunity to promote an exciting and imaginative range of projects and good practice with other social service organisations.

The finalists are:

Best initiative for workforce investment

- North Lanarkshire Council, Housing and Social Work Services – Assessment, Planning and Reflective Practice Programme
- Dumfries and Galloway Council, Social Work – Studentship/Sponsorship
- Glasgow City Council, Social Care Services – Night-shift Learning and Development Team

Best Partnership working in adult care services

- BUPA – Implementation of the Liverpool Care Pathway
- Renfrewshire Council – Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR)
- North Lanarkshire Council – The Sinclair Integrated Day Services

Best partnership working in early years and young people services

- South Lanarkshire Council – ArtsNet
- Orkney Islands Council – Triple P Project
- Glasgow City Council – Intensive Support and Monitoring Service (ISMS)

Best innovative training programme

- Dundee City Council, Social Work Department – Video Interaction Guidance (VIG) Development Team
- Highland Council, Social Work Service – Getting Ready for Grading
- Edinburgh Council, Health and Social Care – Workforce Planning and Development, Practice Learning Team

Best involvement of the local community

- East Glasgow Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) – Pathways to Progression

- North Lanarkshire Council – Restorative Justice Community Service Squad
- Angus Council/Lilybank Resource Centre – Lilybank Garden Project

Best leading on learning programme

- North Lanarkshire Council – Assessment, Planning and Reflective Practice Programme
- Angus Council, Social Work and Health – Palliative Care

Best social service team or unit in Scotland

- Epilepsy West Lothian – Community Support Team
- Cornerstone Community Care – Forensic services in Aberdeen

An overall winner will be announced at the ceremony.

This year's event is being held at the Caird Hall, Dundee on the 5 June, with the ceremony and lunch hosted once again by popular TV presenter Kaye Adams. Details of this year's winners will be available on our website and in the summer edition of SSSC News.

Care Accolades 2009 is sponsored by:

- Association of Directors of Social Work
- Community Care magazine
- Dundee City Council
- Joint Improvement Team, Scottish Government
- NHS Education for Scotland
- Scottish Care
- The Scottish Government
- UNISON Scotland.

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Spring issue of SSSC News now available



The spring issue of SSSC News is now available. This edition features articles on required registration, the timescales for this coming into place and lots of other SSSC information as well as featuring organisations, events and news.

You can download the newsletter from the [SSSC website](#)

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Launch of Scotland's mental health improvement plan

Scotland's mental health improvement plan, which was launched on Tuesday 7 May, emphasises that an understanding of protecting a person's own mental

health could be key to reducing the number of people with mental health problems.

Supporting training and learning is an important part of the national programme's work to improve Scotland's mental health and wellbeing. Find out more on the [Well Scotland website](#)

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News form IRISS

The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) is a Scottish voluntary organisation focused on the modernisation of the social services in Scotland. IRISS has recently developed a new business plan for 2009/10 which prioritises three programmes of work.

You will find the business plan for 2009/10 on the [IRISS website](#)

IRISS is also involved in the development of new learning resources for the Social Services Knowledge Scotland (SSKS) website. SSKS is an online knowledge service for social services staff and managers.

Click here to visit the [SSKS website](#)

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Autism guidance for Scottish social care professionals



The National Autistic Society Scotland (NAS) has issued a guide to local authorities throughout Scotland to help them assess and support adults with autism after the charity's I Exist campaign revealed a widespread lack of understanding and training in the condition amongst Scottish social care professionals.



More information and copies of the guide are available from the [NAS website](#)

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May edition of the Getting it Right for Every Child newsletter

The May edition of the Getting it Right for Every Child newsletter is now available on the [Scottish Government website](#)

The focus of the newsletter is on sharing and learning.

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LGBT housing guides launched

Stonewall Scotland and the Scottish Housing Regulator have jointly launched two guides for social housing providers and homelessness services.

The reports outline some of the specific housing problems that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people may face. They also offer practical advice for housing professionals.

The guides are:

- understanding the housing needs and homeless experiences of LGBT people in Scotland offers a broad background for those new to this subject area
[Download the guide here](#)
- recognising and addressing homophobic and transphobic harassment focuses specifically on the nature of harassment and strategies for addressing it.
[Download the guide here](#)

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Housing Support Enabling Unit move to new office

The Housing Support Enabling Unit (HSEU) has moved to new offices in Edinburgh's Torphichen Street.

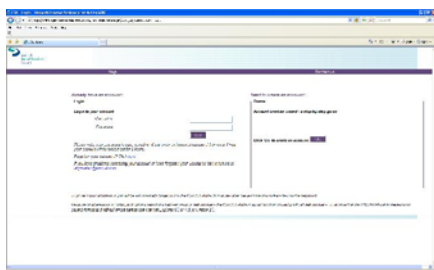
The new address is:

8 - 12 Torphichen Street
Edinburgh
EH3 8JQ

More information on the HSEU and the work that they are involved in can be found on their [website](#)

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REGISTRATION Using your online registration account



The SSSC offers an online service for SSSC registrants. Through the secure online service, registrants can now view their personal details, registration status and any conditions on their registration.

As a registered worker you can also tell us about changes to personal details and pay your annual fees online.

We carried out an initial pilot of the online service with around 2,400 of our registrants. After the success of the pilot we have now written to most registered social service workers to invite them to use these services.

If you are registered and have not received any information about this, please contact us at registration@sssc.uk.com

For more information visit the [SSSC website](#)

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Required registration – what you need to know

A dedicated section about required registration is now available on the SSSC website. You can open the webpage by [clicking here](#)

Information available includes:

- the groups of workers who are required to register and when this comes into place
- what will happen if you don't register
- what to do if you are a new recruit
- what to do if you are already registered as a social worker
- employers responsibilities.

Over the coming months we will be doing lots of work to make sure that employers and workers know about the dates for submitting applications in to the SSSC before required registration comes in for each group.

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Are you a manager of an adult day care service or a care home service for adults? Are you registered with the SSSC yet?

If you are a manager of an adult day care service or a manager of a care home service for adults and you haven't registered with the SSSC yet, you need to submit your application for registration by **31 May 2009** so that it can be processed before the start of required registration of managers of adult care homer services and managers of adult day care services in November 2009.

Required registration means that from 30 November 2009 employers will be guilty of an offence if they employ a person as a manager of an adult day service or a manager of a care home service for adults who is not registered with the SSSC or registered with another relevant regulatory body eg the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

To help us process these applications in time for 30 November 2009, the submission date we set for applications was **31 May 2009**.

Applications received from managers of adult day care services and managers of care home services for adults after this date are unlikely to be processed in time for the introduction of required registration.

If your application is submitted after 31 May 2009 we will process it after we have processed all the application forms submitted by managers of adult day care services and managers of care home services for adults by the deadline. If your application is submitted after 31 May it is unlikely to be processed before 30 November 2009. If you are not appropriately registered by that date you cannot continue to work as a manager of an adult day care service or a manager of a care home service for adults.

For more information or to order your registration pack telephone 0845 60 30 891 (option 1) or email registration@sssc.uk.com

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LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Developing your workforce – online solutions

As part of ongoing work to implement the Sector Skills Agreement and Sector Qualifications and Learning Strategy, the SSSC is creating an internet portal to house a range of tools and services to support employers in their organisations' workforce development needs.

During the course of this year, the SSSC will develop a new micro-site where employers and others in the sector will be able to download a range of applications like our popular NOS Navigator. You will also be able to access services including the Career Development Toolkit, Career Pathways information, induction guidance and Skills Sets.

The portal will allow you to access material not just in text but also through audio and video podcasts. It will be possible to subscribe to news feeds about the news feeds that interest you.

The SSSC plans to work closely with key stakeholders to explore the possibility of offering a free, universal ePortfolio service to the social service sector in Scotland. More information will be available as the project develops.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

New service from IRISS

The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) is hosting an events calendar on their website for the social services sector.

Click here to [view the calendar](#)

If you would like to have your events uploaded to this calendar send details to

events@iriss.org.uk

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IRISS research and development focus groups

Various dates

Working with the Scottish Government, the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) has been asked to provide a report to assist with the development of a research and development strategy that will improve the use of research and evidence by service providers and the outcomes for people who use Scotland's social services.

IRISS is inviting representatives from the public, private and voluntary sectors to attend focus groups to help build a better understanding of your needs in relation to creating and using evidence in decision-making.

The focus groups are being held on:

- Tuesday 2 June - Eden Court Theatre, Inverness - 9.30am to 11.30am
- Thursday 4 June - West George Street, Glasgow - 9.30 to 11.30am and 2pm to 4pm
- Monday 8 June - Stevenson College, Edinburgh - 2pm to 4pm
- Tuesday 9 June - Tolbooth, Stirling - 9.30am to 11.30am
- Wed 10 June - Discovery Point, Dundee - 2pm to 4pm

If you are interested in attending one of the focus groups please contact Lorna Barnsley at l.z.barnsley@dundee.ac.uk or on 01382 224422.

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Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme information sessions

Various dates

The Scottish Government is hosting a series of six free information events that aim to bring organisations up to speed with implementation activities and provide an opportunity to consider and discuss aspects of the PVG Scheme.

The events will be of interest to people who are responsible for recruiting people to work with vulnerable groups. In particular, they are aimed at organisations that are:

- registered with Disclosure Scotland
- have a regulatory role
- represent groups and/or organisations that work with vulnerable groups.

They will take place on:

- Tuesday 2 June in Edinburgh
- Wednesday 10 June in Glasgow
- Tuesday 16 June in Aberdeen
- Wednesday 17 June in Dundee
- Wednesday 24 June in Inverness

- Thursday 25 June in Perth.

They will include:

- an update on PVG Scheme implementation activities and next steps
- discussion on the scope of regulated work in the children's and protected adults' sector
- an update on how the referrals and considerations process will be structured and managed
- an insight into how the PVG Scheme guidance will be structured and presented
- round table discussions to enable delegates to feed back views on the proposed scope of regulated work and the structure of the guidance.

To book a place please register online at ProtectingVulnerableGroups.com

The **Central Registered Body in Scotland** will host similar events around Scotland for voluntary groups and small organisations later in the year.

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Public lecture on current research into dementia 9 June 2009

St Andrews University, Bute Building

The Alzheimer's Research Trust (ART) are holding a public lecture on current research into dementia on Tuesday 9 June. The evening is free and open to the public.

More information can be found on the [ART website](#)

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The Early Years Framework: Putting the vision into action 9 June 2009

The Glasgow Hilton Hotel (city centre)

The conference, hosted by Learning Teaching Scotland, will share examples of good practice relating to aspects of the Scottish Government and COSLA's Early Years Framework. There will be an opportunity to hear from early years colleagues who have been successful in taking forward some of the framework's key messages and important connections to Curriculum for Excellence will be explored. The conference will also provide a forum for group discussion and create follow-on opportunities for continuing professional development.

Click here to download the [conference leaflet](#)

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**The Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care national conference
2009
11 and 12 June 2009**

Crieff Hydro, Perthshire

**Seeing the Whole Picture: Working in partnership to enhance the lives
of children looked after away from home**

The Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care (SIRCC), holds a large national conference each June. It is relevant to all who have any professional connection and interest in residential child care. Field workers, external managers and trainers are particularly welcome this year to join residential workers and others as we look at partnership working. The [main conference flier](#) and [booking form](#) are available on the [SIRCC website](#)

Find out more from the SIRCC National Office: 0141 950 3683 or email sirccevents@strath.ac.uk

Attending the conference can be included as part of your SSSC Post Registration Training and Learning (PRTL).

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**RCN workshops for health and social care support workers
Various dates**

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) and the Open University will hold workshops across Scotland focusing on career development for health and social care workers.

The following events will take place:

- [Kilmarnock](#) - Tuesday 9 June 2009
- [Paisley](#) - Wednesday 10 June 2009
- [Lochgilthead](#) - Thursday 25 June 2009
- [Orkney](#) - Thursday 16 July 2009

Each event will be a mixture of talks and interactive sessions covering a range of topics for health and social care support workers including:

- updates on role and regulation
- development opportunities and support on offer from the RCN-OU Strategic Alliance
- looking at learning styles, barriers to learning and career development
- RCN learning zone
- HCSW case studies

If you would like to book a place please call Jan Gorman, PA to Associate Director Learning and Development on 0131 662 6160 or email jan.gorman@rcn.org.uk

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The Morag Faulds memorial lecture 22 June 2009

The University of the West of Scotland has established an annual memorial lecture in honour of Morag Faulds who was instrumental in establishing the first undergraduate social work programme in Scotland in 1975.

The theme for the lecture is using critical reflection to understand practice. The speaker will be Professor Jan Fook who is currently Director of the Interprofessional Institute with the Southwest London Academic Network and Professor of Professional Practice Research.

More information about the lecture and Morag Faulds can be [found here](#)

To reserve a place please email michele.mccutcheon@uws.ac.uk or janine.docherty@uws.ac.uk

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Data protection: developing good practice in Scotland 24 June 2009

Apex International Hotel, Edinburgh

This is the first annual conference on the work of the Information Commissioner's Office in Scotland

This conference is for every organisation in Scotland who needs to be aware of the proposed financial penalties for failure to comply with data protection and data sharing legislation.

To book a place visit the [MacKay Hannah website](#) or for further information email Lesley McClelland or telephone 0131 556 1500.

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REGULAR FEATURES

Featured organisation - Donaldson's



Donaldson's
Success Through Communication

Donaldson's is a national residential and day school providing education, therapy and care for pupils aged 2-19 who are deaf or who have severe speech and language difficulties.

Situated in Linlithgow Donaldson's is one of seven Grant Aided Special Schools supported by the Scottish Government. As a national resource Donaldson's pupils come from all over Scotland and

also the north of England, local authorities refer all pupils and fund their placements. The school has nursery, primary and secondary departments in addition to a Post-16 unit. Up to one quarter of pupils also use Donaldson's Lodge, the school's residential provision. Donaldson's Lodge provides flexible weekly accommodation (Monday – Friday) within the schools campus which includes full-time, part-time, respite and Extended Day placements.

If you would like to find out more about Donaldson's School and Donaldson's Lodge there is a free DVD available to professionals and prospective parents. Please contact Camille Craig, Marketing Officer on 01506 841 924 or email ccraig@donaldsons.org.uk to request a copy of Donaldson's DVD plus further information on the range of care and education available. More details are also available at www.donaldsons.org.uk

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