



Our Vision: To increase the standard, range and availability of public health training in the West Midlands, in order to improve the health of the region's population.



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NEWS from LfPHWM

We are delighted to have sponsored a small but select number of Public Health practitioners from across the West Midlands to complete the Promoting Public Health course with the Open University. The course began in October and students are scheduled to complete their first assignments this week! This course will help the students to investigate health projects, experience team working and build skills in communication, critical reflection community involvement, policy making, and delivering ethical evidence-based practice.

From Ginder's desk...

Another year is nearly over and we are fast approaching 2015. The network has been at the forefront of delivering inter professional PH CPD across the West Midlands. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all our stakeholders and partners for their continuing support and dedication to work with us. Whilst we are a small team we have been unique in promoting inter professional learning, making a difference as advocates for the PH workforce and empowering using the different modes of inter professional PH CPD. Through the dedication and commitment of our practitioners we have continued to create and support the inter professional networks

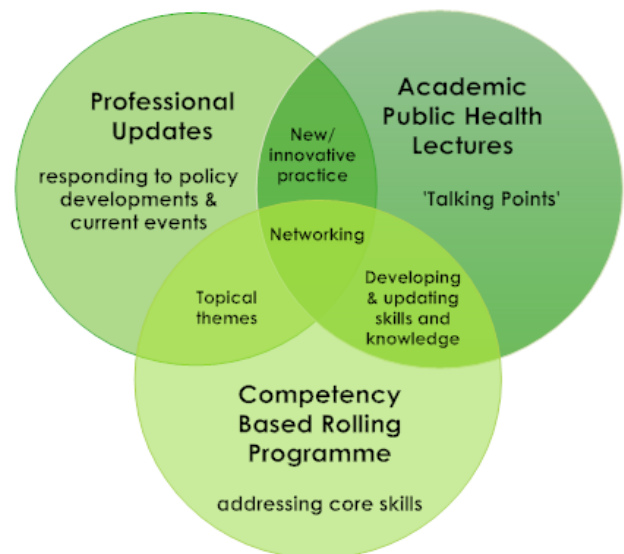
In these challenging times the team continue to work closely with our commissioners the 'Association of Directors for Public Health in the West Midlands' and PHE WM to provide a cost effective and creative service. We have made excellent progress in developing the function of the website and continue to adapt the site for easier access to our programmes by improving the information sharing facility and promoting learning through the use of technology to share news, resources and tools.

We welcome your comments and suggestions for improving the site; contact

[Rachel Allchurch@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.Allchurch@sandwell.gov.uk) or [Adrienne Parker@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:Adrienne.Parker@sandwell.gov.uk) for a chat!

Ginder Marie - Manager

Our model of successful strategic cross partnership working



Current projects...

LfPH – A regional focus on Alcohol Licensing
Chaired by Dr Adrian Phillips, the steering group is now established and is working towards a vision of establishing public health as the 5th licensing objective. We are also working to ensure improved data and a joint working functionality, with the goal of reducing alcohol related harm across the WM.

We are working with the West Midlands police to bring a joint meeting of West Midlands Alcohol Licensing representatives and colleagues from the police joint licensing forum. We hope to learn from each other and discuss key topics such as alcohol, children and safeguarding issues and injury surveillance. This is taking place on 12th November. If this is an area of your interest do get in touch for feedback on how the meeting goes.

LfPH – New networking

We continue to work with local partners and stakeholders to create new learning opportunities through existing networks, e.g. the WM Health and Planning group and the WM Strategic food board.

See our website for more info:

www.lfphwm.org.uk/our-networks



WHAT'S NEW in LfPHWM?

A NEW POST: Our network coordinator Rachel Allchurch is currently supporting the newly formed Association of Directors of Public Health network.

The network aims to provide a voice for local government Public Health in the West Midlands through influence of public health legislation and policy at a local and regional level and will facilitate the sharing of ideas, best practice and problem solving in Public Health across the WM local government.

Nominations for Chair took place in July and Stephen Munday, DPH for Solihull was announced as the new Chair, with Jane Moore, DPH for Coventry as Vice-Chair.

Any queries should be directed to Rachel in the first instance.

Rachel.Allchurch@sandwell.gov.uk

Some feedback from past events

'The regular communications to stakeholders are very useful and help me to stay abreast of key developments and learning opportunities'

Sarah Burwood - Health & Wellbeing Manager (Alcohol and Drugs), PHE

'You guys always put together some excellent training. The web site is great – simple & user friendly!'

Shaun Walker - Section Leader, Education & Enterprise, Wolverhampton



A request from Rachel and Adrienne: "If you have something you would like to share with the wider public health community or wish to become a stakeholder email us:

administrator@lfphwm.org.uk

Check out the website, we are posting daily, so they'll be something of interest for everyone!

www.lfphwm.org.uk

Please make a note of the following events in our November calendar...

11 November 2014 - THE IMPLICATIONS OF MIGRATION IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES [Event provided by Compas Oxford University

<http://www.lfphwm.org.uk/member/events>

18 November 2014 - HEALTH INEQUALITIES [Event provided by West Midlands Fire Service] West Midlands Fire Service does not 'just put out fires'

<http://www.lfphwm.org.uk/member/events>

24 November 2014 ASSET BASED APPROACHES TO MIGRANT HEALTH & HEALTH INEQUALITIES

This is a FREE event in the series of Understanding Migration - Reducing Health Inequalities.

<http://www.lfphwm.org.uk/member/Events/Book/event/70>

and coming up in December ...

3 December 2014 TACKLING SMOKING IN PREGNANCY TO REDUCE HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND INFANT MORTALITY [Event provided by Public Health England] Smoking during pregnancy has many serious health implications.

<http://www.lfphwm.org.uk/member/events>

10 December 2014 DRUG & ALCOHOL MISUSE - UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACTS OF DEPENDENCY [Event provided by Govtoday and Health & Social Care Reform] The use and misuse of drugs and alcohol attracts much discussion and controversy throughout society.

<http://www.drug-alcohol-conference.co.uk/event-home>



A reminder that **November is MOvember** – Get sponsored and grow a mo! The leading global organisation committed to changing the face of men's health has extended this to MOVember so you can get moving for November as well...

<http://uk.movember.com/events/view-event-type/type/move>