

social inclusion news

Welcome to Capital City Partnership's Social Inclusion News. We would encourage you to share your views, contribute information and articles to forthcoming editions. Details of how to do this are included on the last page.

Please note that due to the holiday period there will be no January issue of Social Inclusion News. The next issue will be available on Monday 4th February 2008.

Fab Pad Edinburgh

Fab Pad Edinburgh was initiated in partnership with five RSLs across the city to support 40 vulnerable young people per annum to sustain their own tenancy, develop personally and socially, and ultimately become active citizens through the uptake of training, employment or volunteering opportunities.

Fab Pad was set up in 1998 by Impact Arts as an innovative youth housing project, working with the most vulnerable young people in Glasgow. It is a tailored project focussing specifically on an individual young person's needs at a vital stage in their progression out of a chaotic lifestyle - when he or she starts a new tenancy.

The main focus of the project is to offer the young person the opportunity to work with an interior designer to get the ideas, and learn the skills, to turn this new flat or house into a home - their home. Through reducing the risk of the tenancy breaking down by making them feel more ownership over the flat they are living in, the young people are able to stabilise their own life, and look to what they are going to do next be it work, train or go to college.

Case Study

Dawn was attending a Creative Arts course at WHALE Arts Agency in Wester Hailes when she first heard about the Fab Pad project. *"I was just chatting to James (the project tutor) in the kitchen one day, and he told me about Fab Pad"* she explained. She was referred to the Fab Pad project by WHALE and has been part of it for about a year.

The initial attraction was the chance to paint canvases that could be displayed as a finished piece of art, something that reawakened Dawn's interest in art. Fab Pad also gave her the chance to learn completely new skills. Although she had already painted some of her flat, she admits that she didn't really know the methods needed to decorate her home. Like many other clients, Dawn knew how she wanted her flat to look but had little idea of how to achieve this in practice. The two home visits that she received helped her to plan out the tasks that needed to be done in order to transform her home.

During their time with Fab Pad, clients focus on decorating and furnishing one room. Dawn has focused on decorating her daughter's bedroom in order to make it more personal. This included painting canvases to go on the walls, making a matching blind and bedcover, and painting fairy stencils around the room. The process of planning and decorating the bedroom was enjoyed by both Dawn and her ten year old daughter Tasha, who helped to decide on colours and designs. Having a bedroom that feels personal and grown-up encourages Tasha to take more responsibility for

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keeping it tidy. In turn, this helps her to settle to doing homework and gives her a space where she can play and spend time with friends.

Dawn has also spent time making a blind for her bathroom and a throw and computer table for her living room. Simple things like putting up shelves have helped her to organize her belongings and to keep the flat tidier, and this helps her to feel better in herself. Before she began attending courses at WHALE she was agoraphobic and found it difficult to go out. Alongside the courses run by WHALE, Fab Pad has helped her gain self-confidence. The social atmosphere in the weekly workshops and the chance to go on shopping trips with other clients has gradually made it easier for her to function in a social environment. About six months ago Dawn began to volunteer at WHALE, helping on reception and dealing with the public who come in and out of the centre.

For further information on Fab Pad please contact fionadoring@impactarts.co.uk



Dawn at work transforming her home

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Community Regeneration Funding

In the budget statement of 14th November the Scottish Government announced its intention to retain a commitment to area based regeneration through the provision of a single Poverty and Deprivation Fund with an annual value of £145m in the pursuit of outcomes to be agreed with government. This is contained as a ring fenced element in the Local Government settlement, to be managed by Community Planning Partnerships, and integrates a number of previously separate strands of funding and gives greater flexibility to CPPs as to how it should be used.

Over time, and as Single Outcome Agreements develop, the proposal is that the ring fence will disappear and the fund will become part of the general local authority settlement and its Outcome Agreement.

Although the Single Fund is described as integrating a number of previous strands it is not yet clear from the published material what the full range of these are, some can be identified from the documents published, others only inferred.

It is not yet known what the local share of the £145m will be, nor yet what the criteria which determines this will be. These announcements are expected by mid December.

Edinburgh Pathfinder Update: Jobs Strategy Group Agrees to Fund Pilot Project in Muirhouse

The Jobs Strategy Group has agreed £180,000 funding from the Pathfinder grant to implement an area focus project in Muirhouse, subject to agreement on an implementation plan and targets.

The project will test ways of working intensively in a small area – in this case two datazones in Muirhouse with a total population of around 1,750 people. It will seek to reach out to people who are disengaged from mainstream services and help them engage with the pathway to work. The principle is that people are supported to identify where they would like to make a change in their own lives and in their community.

A number of area focus projects have been run in the west of Scotland over the past few years, but this will be the first in Edinburgh. Typically, community animators are employed to make contact with people informally – in homes, shopping centres and community venues. They aim to engage with households and social networks, not just with individuals. In terms of results for the community, the aim is to raise the employment rate and to improve the culture with respect to work.

A holistic approach will be taken to the support of individuals, so that each person, together with a case worker, will develop an individual plan which encompasses health

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and social issues as well as skills and employment. The project will not be about developing new services. Rather it will seek to support people to access the services already provided by mainstream providers such as NHS, local authority and voluntary sector organisations.

A proposal on targets has been developed drawing on the experience of area focus interventions in areas such as Craigneuk in North Lanarkshire, Foxbar in Paisley, and parts of Glasgow such as Wellhouse and Roystonhill. As lead partner for this proposal, Capital City Partnership (CCP) has also held discussions with a local advisory group which draws representation from the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership, Muirhouse Community Council, and from local service providers.

A targets and implementation paper will be presented to the meeting of the Jobs Strategy Group in early December. Following final approval of the detailed plan, CCP will tender the contract with a delivery agent chosen through competitive tender.

Opportunity to tender for area focused pilot

Any organisation wishing to register an interest in tendering for this contract should contact Jenny Ewing at Capital City Partnership – jennyewing@capitalcitypartnership.org

One Parent Families Scotland Fact Sheet & Guide

Fact Sheet on Disability Allowance for Children and Young People

The Parent Connections Project of One Parent Families Scotland have produced a new Fact Sheet to help lone parents to claim DLA. It explains the benefit and gives examples of the kinds of support needs which will justify benefits being awarded.

Copies are available free by calling the Lone Parent Free Helpline: 0808 801 0323, 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Guide to Good Practice: Family Friendly Colleges

A short Guide has been produced for colleges and for students on the ways in which colleges can take account of the particular needs of parent students. The Guide includes good practice examples from colleges throughout Scotland.

Copies are available by calling the Helpline: 0808 801 0323.

The Way Out West

The Way Out West was a research project undertaken from August 2006 to June 2007 looking at the effect of WHALE Arts Agency's youth programmes on youth anti-social and offending behaviour. The project was led by a youth officer and researcher who developed and delivered the projects for young people and researched their efficacy.

The project was part funded by Capital City Partnership and The Robertson Trust with projects funded by Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership, Scottish Arts Council Youth Music Initiative, Save the Children, CEC Health Development Fund and Prospect Community Housing. The project worked with partners including B'Friends and Early Intervention Case Management Project.

Effects that showed a direct impact on anti-social and offending behaviour amongst participants:

- Projects saw 579 attendances by local young people at times where youth calls to Police tend to be highest.



the Regeneration of Muirhouse
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- Police call figures for the Pentland area in the month of June, when there were two nights of youth activity at WHALE, showed a drop from 656 the previous year to 441, a drop of 33%.
- Two young people who had been involved in offending behaviour prior to taking part in the project had not been involved in any further incidents since the project had ended.
- One young person stated that being involved with the project had stopped him getting involved with the police, both during the time he was at the project and at other times.
- One young person stated that attending WHALE activities kept her away from her friends who were getting into trouble in the community.
- 54% of young people questioned stated that taking part in activities at WHALE stopped them getting into trouble.

An extract of the full report is available on WHALE's website at <http://www.whalearts.co.uk/The%20Way%20Out%20West%20abridged%20Report.pdf>

For further information and a full copy of the research report, contact WHALE on 0131 458 3267 or alison@whalearts.co.uk



WHALE Arts Agency Staff Recruitment

WHALE Arts Agency is an established and successful community arts project in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, designed to reach the objectives of regeneration by creating accessible art programmes. WHALE Arts Agency are currently recruiting the following part time and temporary staff to assist with the running and development of their organisation:

Youth Work Development Officer (Temporary)

To support existing youth work, develop and deliver new short term projects, explore and develop new opportunities for youth work. You should have a background working in the arts with children and young people and experience in project management and development.

- Full time (35 hours per week) from January to April 2008:
To be contracted on a self employed basis

Adult Work Development Officer (Temporary Part Time)

To support existing adult work and explore ways to develop their work and fundraise for this development. You should have a background in management of community projects and some experience in working in the arts (any art form).

- 10 hours a week (flexible) from December 2007 to June 2008:
To be contracted on a self employed basis

Receptionist/Administrator

Based in the reception area, this post involves reception and basic admin duties. You should have confidence with administrative tasks and computers and excellent interpersonal skills. WHALE is particularly encouraging applications from people in the local area who are returning to work.

- One day (seven hours) a week

Closing date for all posts is 7th December 2007

For more information, please contact:
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NEETS: 35,000 Lives

A one day conference
5th February 2008
Venue TBC, Edinburgh

The period between 16-19 years of age is a pivotal time for all young people. The way in which youngsters enter adult life is key to their long-term engagement with society, laying the foundation for future years.

However, there are currently an estimated 35,000 young Scots between the age of 16-19 who are not in education, employment or training – young people in need of 'More Choices, More Chances'. This Holyrood Magazine conference addresses what Scotland plans to do about it.

By attending you will:

- Learn about the new strategy for engagement with Scotland's youth and how this vulnerable group fit into the wider social justice agenda.
- Understand why the More Choices, More Chances group requires attention and support.
- Hear experts outline their ideas for the best way to engage with current and future 16-19 year olds.
- Meet and network with agencies delivering services for 16-19 year olds at a variety of different stages.
- Discuss and debate the ideas that will drive the agenda for change in Scotland.

Chaired by Keith Aitken, Broadcaster and Journalist

Speakers include:

- Lord Laidlaw of Rothiemay, Founder, The Laidlaw Trust
- Michael Cross, Deputy Director, Enterprise and Employability for Young People, The Scottish Government
- Raymond O'Hare, Director, Microsoft Scotland
- Alan Sinclair CBE, Visiting Fellow, The Work Foundation
- Professor Edward Melhuish, Executive Director, National Evaluation of Sure Start
- Jim Rafferty, Chief Executive, Capital City Partnership

For full details, including delegate rates please see the conference website at <http://conferences.holyrood.com/content/view/286/29/>

'Have Your Say' DVD

Using a media approach is a great way of ensuring that Communities Scotland's National Standards for Community Engagement can be realised in a very direct, open and creative way. Media Education has recently launched a short DVD entitled 'Have Your Say' which shows the energy and commitment that is released when groups of all kinds use media to engage and put across their ideas in powerful and persuasive ways.

You can get a copy free by calling Claire on 0131 662 8844.

Media Education has been working with community groups in Edinburgh for over 15 years to help people present their own important messages about the issues which affect their lives. They've found that using media as a consultation, training and development tool has allowed all kinds of groups to find their voices and set their own agendas.

"We're really interested in making the experience as immediate and rewarding as possible - and as far away from formal processes such as committees, reports and the traditional community consultation processes as possible. We want to create



A Holyrood magazine
one-day conference



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a platform where people engage in productive discussions with peers and decision makers and know directly how they are contributing to positive change both for themselves and others." says Iain Shaw, Director.

You can see a couple of short animations which explain more by following these links to the Media Education website:

<http://www.mediaeducation.co.uk/aboutUs/animation.php>

<http://www.mediaeducation.co.uk/portfolio/videoAnimation.php>

Arts & Social Inclusion Co-ordinator goes North

Kate Wimpress, the Arts & Social Inclusion Co-ordinator with Capital City Partnership, is taking a four month secondment with North Edinburgh Arts Centre (NEAC) to work with the Centre's Board on the development and implementation of their new business plan.

NEAC aims to place arts and creativity at the heart of the development of individuals, the community and, in the light of the enormous changes taking place in the area, the urban/built environment in North Edinburgh.

Kate will be in post from 12th December and Gillian Baxter will be the contact for arts and inclusion at Capital City Partnership from that date. Gillian can be contacted at gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org

Banking the Unbanked: Where are we now?

A one-day conference

Tuesday 22nd January 2008

10.00am to 4.30pm (Registration and Coffee 9.30am)

Glasgow Caledonian University

This conference will bring together speakers and delegates from financial services, the voluntary sector, the community and government to debate and discuss government strategies for tackling financial exclusion.

The conference will examine the effectiveness of recent measures designed to tackle financial exclusion. It will feature presentations by individuals working in the public, private and voluntary sectors and will provide a unique opportunity to discuss the most pressing issues relating to both policy and practice.

"The government's strategy for tackling financial exclusion has to look beyond providing basic bank accounts, important though this is. It must also be about improving people's confidence and skills in making financial decisions ... financial exclusion makes poor people poorer. It sucks money out of low-income households, drives people into debt and traps many in poverty, limiting their life chances." David Harker, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice

Key Issues:

- How should we assess the impact of universal banking on wider financial exclusion?
- How can we achieve collaborative and 'joined-up' working between government, industry and the voluntary sector?
- To what extent can financial inclusion measures contribute to combating poverty and social exclusion?
- Who should be responsible for tackling financial exclusion?

Chair: Keith Aitken, Broadcaster and Journalist



LSA Legal Services Agency
Scotland's National Law Centre



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Speakers include: John Moorhouse, Grand Central Savings and Mike Dailly, Govan Law Centre

Cost:

£120.00 full price

£105.00 LSA members

£60.00 Concessionary cost places

Supported by Glasgow Caledonian University, Legal Services Agency Ltd, Grand Central Savings and Scottish Poverty Information Unit

To register, participate or receive information on sponsorship and exhibition opportunities, please contact Susan Clark on 0141 354 1274 or seminars@lsa.org.uk

“Single Outcome Agreements: Towards Outcome-Based Accountability”

LARIA in Scotland Seminar

9th January 2008

West Lothian Council, Linlithgow

What is it all about?

As part of a new approach to funding Councils and monitoring their performance, the Scottish Government has indicated that it wants to move to outcome-based performance frameworks, as part of Single Outcome Agreements. Not only does this require a change in the way that Councils prepare future delivery plans and budgets, but it will increase the need for research and information gathering. In particular, in identifying specific outcomes, it will be necessary to have sound information on which to base the priorities and to be able to provide baseline data for any targets. More robust and timely methods of gathering information on performance indicators will also be needed for reporting on the success in achieving outcomes. Finally, there is likely to be a shift towards the collection and analysis of small area data. Good research and intelligence gathering will be vital.

This seminar will provide participants with the opportunity to find out about the implications of the adoption of a full-blown output-based approach to Council planning and budgeting for research and intelligence gathering. It will also provide an opportunity for networking and sharing experiences. So in addition to formal presentations, there will be a breakout session, where there will be discussions on three issues relating to:

1. problems with developing performance and outcome indicators;
2. the implications of outcome-based planning for future research and intelligence gathering; and
3. the skills needed by researchers to operate in the new environment.

Who is it for?

The seminar will be of interest to public sector researchers and research managers, policy officers with an interest in evidence-based policy and practice and managers with responsibility for research and information. Please note that whilst the seminar is arranged by LARIA in Scotland, it is also open to those outside Scotland.

Cost:

£40 per delegate (including lunch)

£30 for Corporate Members of LARIA

For further information and booking please contact Graham Smith, LARIA Administrator on 01642 316576 or lariaoffice@aol.com

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Big Lottery Fund Research Programme

The Big Lottery Fund's Research programme is now open for applications, making up to £25 million available for high quality social and medical research projects across the UK. Third sector organisations are able to apply for grants for up to five years from the programme, which will be administered by Momenta and supported by Third Sector First.

Grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 are available, with up to £1 million for exceptional projects. Applicants who need extra support will be able to apply for development grants of up to £10,000 to help develop their research proposal.

Big Lottery Fund Chief Executive, Stephen Dunmore, said: *"The Research programme is a demand-led programme that will award grants to charities and voluntary sector organisations undertaking high quality research in the areas of health and social wellbeing. The dissemination of findings from this research will ultimately lead to the development of better services and interventions for people, improving lives across the UK."*

Voluntary and community sector organisations are encouraged to link up with universities and the wider research community, however universities themselves are ineligible to apply for funding. A key element of the programme is that beneficiaries and users are involved in setting the agenda, conducting, managing and disseminating the research.

Funded projects must deliver the following two outcomes:

- Improved understanding of issues relating to the Big Lottery Fund's UK themes and country outcomes
- Improved third sector participation and knowledge in developing, doing and using research

And at least one of the following outcomes:

- Improved dissemination of third sector led research
- Increased participation of beneficiaries and users in a range of research roles
- Improved partnerships between the third sector and the research community

The closing date for applications is 30th March 2009. Further information and application details are available at:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_research_programme?regioncode=-uk®ioncode=-uk&progStatus=open&country=%20UK&status=theProg&chan=funding&title=Research%20programme

Strengthening Scotland's Communities

Strengthening Scotland's Communities is provided by the Scottish Community Development Centre, with funding support from Learning Connections. The programme is designed to support best practice in community capacity building across Scotland. The programme has a number of strands which include:

- A publication: the Guide to Community Capacity Building Resource Materials, which brings together frameworks, tools and other material that may be helpful for community learning and development practitioners in taking forward their role in building community capacity
- A learning resource
- A practice development network
- A conference and workshop programme
- A library (held at the Scottish Community Development Centre) of the key capacity building resources

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Events

The programme will provide four related but distinct learning events, each of which will be offered three times in different venues across Scotland. The events include:

- **Strengthening Scotland's Communities Briefings**
15th January 2008 – Aviemore
22nd January 2008 – Dunfermline
30th January 2008 - Glasgow
- **Planning a Community Capacity Building Strategy Workshops**
16th January 2008 – Aviemore
23rd January 2008 – Dunfermline
6th February 2008 - Paisley
- **Achieving Community Change Workshops**
13th February 2008 – Ayr
27th February 2008 – Dundee
12th March 2008 - Inverness
- **Effective Community Organisations Workshops**
20th February 2008 – Falkirk
5th March 2008 – Edinburgh
19th March 2008 - Aberdeen

Further information and event booking details are available at http://www.scdc.org.uk/strengthening-scotlands-communities/?sess_scdc=ae5629751dc74570566edf6cf4b4e08a

PUBLICATIONS

Scottish Budget Spending Review 2007

The Scottish Budget Spending Review 2007 was announced on 14th November. **The document is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/11/13092240/0>**

Social Return on Investment

Forth Sector have published Social Return on Investment (SROI) studies on their social firm, Six Mary's Place Guest House and Forth Sector Restart. The analysis that features within these reports is based upon the SROI model which attributes values to identifiable impacts, in order to calculate the value returned relative to the cost of service provision. **Both reports are available at <http://www.forthsector.org.uk/resources.htm>**

Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2006: Public Attitudes to Homelessness

Results from the 2006 Scottish Social Attitudes survey, conducted by the Scottish Centre for Social Research, on public attitudes to homelessness shows that a variety of opinions exist about homeless people themselves, the causes of homelessness and how the problem should be dealt with. **The report is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2007/11/13153139/0>**

European Research Study into Homelessness and Employment

This final report for Off the Streets and Into Work, prepared by the Centre for Economic & Social Inclusion, aims to identify across nine European countries some of the employment and training support that is most effective in enabling homeless individuals to meet their expectations, needs and aspirations. **The report is available at http://www.osw.org.uk/librarydocs/European_Research_Homelessness_and_Employment.pdf**

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Health in Scotland 2006: Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer

The Chief Medical Officer's Report to Scottish Ministers on the health of the Nation has been published. **The report is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/11/15135302/0>**

Volunteering in the Youth Work Sector: An Action Plan

Moving Forward: A Strategy for Improving Young People's Chances Through Youth Work recognised the value of volunteers and included a commitment to work with the voluntary sector to develop a specific Action Plan for Volunteering in the youth work sector. The overall aim of this Action Plan is to support the youth work sector deliver more choices and more chances for more young people through a stronger network of volunteers. **The Action Plan is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/11/26110321/0>**

HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland: Annual Report 2006-2007

In this annual report the Chief Inspector of Prison warns of consequences of overcrowding and limited access to learning opportunities. **The report is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/11/01105003/0>**

Getting Out to Work: Employing Young Adults with Convictions – A Guide to Good Practice

Barrow Cadbury in partnership with Business in the Community have launched this guide to good practice for employers. It focuses on facts and provides essential information. It has been developed with the active involvement and participation of a wide range of employers and offers useful insights. **The publication is available at <http://www.bctrust.org.uk/reports/Getting-Out-To-Work-Employers.pdf>**

Opportunity for All: Indicators Update 2007

This report contains information on the indicators used to monitor the government's progress on poverty and social exclusion. The indicators chosen are designed to reflect the multi-dimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion at different stages in people's lives, including their health, education, housing, income and financial well-being. **The report is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/ofa/reports/2007/OpportunityforAll2007.pdf>**

The Problems of Everyday Life

The Centre for Crime and Justice Studies has published this report in which the authors present findings from the Civil and Social Justice Survey. The report offers a detailed picture of the nature, impact and pattern of people's experiences of civil justice problems, along with information on crime victimisation thus highlighting how the experience of social injustice is concentrated among the poorest and most vulnerable. **The report is available at <http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/opus355/EverydayprobsWEB.pdf>**

Effective Learning for Adults with Learning Difficulties

This research project was funded by Learning Connections to develop and explore how to enhance literacies learning for adults with learning difficulties by engaging with their systems of care and/or support. A key aim of the project was to support ways for carers and support workers to work effectively with adult literacies tutors to create everyday learning opportunities for people with learning difficulties. **The research report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/11/13115549/0>**

Pathways to Work Performance Summary

The government has recently presented a summary of activity in the Incapacity Benefits Reforms Pathways to Work pilots. The pilots are central to the Government's aim of reducing the rates of customers moving onto, and remaining on incapacity benefits. **The summary is available at http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/workingage/pathways2work/pathways_perf_1107.pdf**

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Pathways to Work: Customer Experiences and Outcomes

Research published by the DWP examines the outcomes and experiences of new and repeat incapacity benefits customers in the first seven Pathways to Work pilot areas. **The findings are available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep456.pdf>**

Sustainable Employment: Supporting People to Stay in Work and Advance

The National Audit Office (NAO) has published a report which examines whether employment and skills programmes for low-skilled and disadvantaged people are leading to sustainable employment. **The report is available at http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/nao_reports/07-08/070832es.pdf**

The Way to Work

Social Firms Scotland have launched The Way to Work, a guide aimed at supporting severely disadvantaged people on their journey towards employment. Written as a series of Frequently Asked Questions, The Way to Work explores the steps that people might take in building their skills and confidence to enter work and signposts the reader to a range of advice and support that will help them on their journey. **The Way to Work is available at <http://www.socialfirms.org.uk/index.php?SK=a94a48cdc0e34e014201e347a094ccde&W21ID=307&W21SUBID=312>**

Street Policing of Problem Drug Users

Street policing involves policing personnel having frequent contact with problem drug users. Although many in this group are considered to be prolific offenders, little is known about the nature, processes and outcomes of their routine interactions with police. This study aims to fill that gap. **The findings are available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's website at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/knowledge/findings/socialpolicy/2161.asp>**

Opportunity, Employment and Progression: Making Skills Work

This document sets out how the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills will work together to ensure that an ever increasing number of people are able to gain the training and support they need to move from benefits to work and then the ongoing training they need to progress in work. **The document is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/welfarereform/making-skills-work.pdf>**

Child Wellbeing and Income Inequality in Rich Societies: Ecological Cross Sectional Study

This study aims to examine associations between child wellbeing and material living standards (average income), the scale of differentiation in social status (income inequality), and social exclusion (children in relative poverty) in rich developed societies. **The findings are available on the British Medical Journal's website at <http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/bmj.39377.580162.55v1#REF1>**

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Capital City Partnership

is a partnership of key statutory, voluntary and community agencies in the city working together to promote social inclusion and achieve social justice for the people of Edinburgh. We exist to find creative and sustainable solutions to overcome social exclusion and to promote joined up governance in the city. For further details about Capital City Partnership please go to the website at <http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org> or contact us at the address below.

Alternative Formats

The Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion e-zine is distributed monthly by e-mail in PDF and text-only Word formats. Large text, braille, audio copies and community language translations are available on request by contacting Gillian Baxter, Information Worker, on 0131 270 6040. The e-zine is also available either in PDF format or as a text-only Word file, on the Capital City Partnership website at <http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org>

Forthcoming Copy Deadline & Mailing List

The Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion e-zine is usually published on the first Monday of each month but, **due to the holiday period there will be no January issue.** The next issue will, therefore, be available on **Monday 4th February 2008** and any information for inclusion, along with contact details, should be submitted to gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org under the heading 'CCP e-zine contribution' by **Friday 25th January 2008** and should be relevant to the publication date.

If you would like to be added or removed from our **mailing list** please send an e-mail to gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org with the heading 'CCP e-zine mailing list'.

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