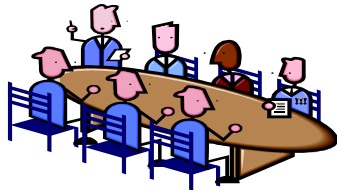


CPsychI

External Affairs & Policy Pillar

Committee & Activity Reports for Executive
24th Feb 2011

Committee Reports



CPsychI / ICGP Forum on mental health

Objective: to improve communication and liaison between primary & secondary care in mental health with ultimate goal of improving care & service to service users. **Joint Chair:** Dr Vincent Russell (CPsychI) & Dr Martina Kelly (ICGP). 12 members – 6 from each College.

Next Meeting: 2.30, Tuesday, 15th March 2011

Human Rights, Ethics & Law Committee

Objective: to update the College and its members of developments in human rights, ethics and legal matters & initiate workgroups as and when necessary to work on submission papers or appropriate action needed from the College.

Members: Prof Harry Kennedy (Chair), Dr John Tobin, Dr Pauline Twomey and Dr Keith Holmes.

Next Meeting: 8th March 2011

Current items:

1. **Criminal Law (Insanity) Act 2010:** The 2010 act was passed recently (8th February 2011).
2. **Psychiatrists providing Expert Evidence: Criminal & Civil Cases:** exploratory report (including terms of reference) to be drafted on the subject and the ethics of providing court reports to be explored before deciding to develop a code of ethics for members.

3. **New Capacity & Guardianship legislation:** Next step: possibly lobby politicians & new Government?
4. **Mental Health Act 2001 Amendments:** Workgroups set up to work.

Public Education Committee (PEC)

Responsible for: WMHDay, CPsychI Spike Milligan Public Speaking Competition & any other projects to promote and educate the public on good mental health.
Chair: Dr Colette Halpin

Next Meeting: 31st March 2011

Current projects:

1. **Debunking the myths about Psychiatry:** Phase 4: Finalising survey for medical professionals before presentation to Dr A Jeffers for discussion.
2. **World Mental Health Day 10th October 2011:** Currently exploring the possibility of running the visual arts event again but with a sponsor and different format. In process.
3. **Spike Milligan Public Speaking Competition 2011:**

Topic: "Mental Illness – Making the Invisible Visible"

Date & location: 6pm, 14th April 2011 @ The Sugar Club, Dublin.

7 teams confirmed entry – University of Limerick new entrant –

Chair: Dr Mathew Sadlier;

Judges: Dr Anne Jeffers, Dr Navroop Johnson & ANO (tbc Emma Farrell - College Advisory & Headstrong).

Other Activity

External Organizations with College representation



www.seechange.ie

College representation: Dr N Crumlish & A Ryder

- Continuing its national roll out of public meetings with aim of sharing ideas for reducing mental health stigma at national and community level and to encourage people to become local activists for change.
- Launched its 'Make a Ripple' campaign' which is "about encouraging people to make a personal commitment to drive change through shared stories and experiences"

Children's Mental Health Coalition
College Representation: Dr B Gavin & A Ryder



www.childrensmentalhealth.ie

Jointly hosted & run by Amnesty & the Children's Alliance. A Roundtable Discussion IV took place last Monday 14th February addressing the following:

1. What is the current environment for campaigning on children and mental health?
2. Priorities for 2011? – what are the key opportunities for the Coalition to influence change in 2011 and how can members work in partnership to deliver the shared agenda?



College Website – Updates

1. **Improvements for users.**

1.1. Assessing redevelopment of the events calendar to be more user friendly i.e. enabling events to be searched by categories (such as a CPD event) or filters such as month, area etc.

1.2. 'Print this page button' now available.



1.3.

2. **Phase II: Members area only & online registration for College events.**

2.1. Now complete and in testing phase. Members will use their email address as provided to the College for 'username' and their membership number for 'password'.

2.2. Launch of website planned for Spring Conference 2011 to include a one minute video demonstrating functions of the site and ways around it.

3. **Phase III – PCS online registration.** Must be complete by early March.



Electronic Newsletter for Members

Newsweaver, an Irish Company based in Cork with Global & Irish clients, have been selected based on their technical ability, developmental ideas and competitive quotation (special rate for charity status). Template design - 1st sketch below.

