

... on some things that might be of interest, in AdvoCard and beyond!

Edinburgh Crisis Centre Survey

Infusion are continuing to evaluate Edinburgh Crisis Centre over 3 years (2007-2010). If you've had support from the Edinburgh Crisis Centre, they'd like to know how you felt about it. You can complete the online survey at www.infusioncoop.org.uk or send your comments to them at Infusion, 10 Hailes Street, Edinburgh EH3 9NF. Alternatively you can phone Sally Dick on 0131 2204508.

Equality & Diversity Monitoring

AdvoCard aims to provide equal opportunities to everyone involved in the service. We are distributing Equality & Diversity questionnaires to all service users, volunteers and staff in order to help us understand who we are reaching and how better to serve the community.

All information will be held anonymously in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

If you have not yet filled in a form, please mention it next time you are in. If you have any further questions about this, please contact Devrim or Jane R at the office. Thank you for your help.

Quick links to information on **NHS Scotland's** dentists, GPs, A&E departments and pharmacies can be found at www.show.scot.nhs.uk. You can also find NHS24, health information and self help guides at the same place.

AdvoCard's next training course for Volunteer Advocacy Workers will begin in September. For further information call 0131 554 5307, email: advocacy@advocard.org.uk or visit www.timeforadvocacy.org.uk to find out more about the excellent work of our volunteers!

If you could help our recruitment by putting up posters or giving out leaflets in your local area, please let the office know. Thanks.

Hear me 2

Since 2002, the 'see me ...' campaign has been working across Scotland to tackle the stigma and discrimination around mental ill health. They would like your help to find out how much progress they have made. Anyone who has had mental health issues can take part.

You can fill in the questionnaire at www.seemescotland.org.uk/take-the-survey.

Alternatively you can call them on 554 0218 or fill in a paper questionnaire in AdvoCard's reception.

Be there. Be yourself.

This year's 'see me....' photography competition theme is 'Be there. Be yourself'. It's up to entrants to link together this theme and mental health in whatever way they like.

They welcome photographs from anyone in Scotland; no matter their age, where they are or how experienced at photography they are.

The closing date is 18/9/09

Visit www.seemescotland.org.uk/ or call them on 0131 554 0218.

AdvoCard's commitment to good practice in volunteer support & management has been recognised by an **Investing In Volunteers** award.

AdvoCard was assessed across 4 main areas:

- Planning for volunteer involvement
- Recruiting volunteers
- Selecting and matching volunteers
- Supporting and retaining volunteers

AdvoCard will receive its official Investing in Volunteers plaque and certificate very soon! and you will see the IIV logo appearing elsewhere on our publicity materials etc. The award is valid for 3 years and we will continue to review and develop our practice over this time and beyond.

If you would like to see a copy of the final assessment ask the office or go to our website www.advocard.org.uk.



Contact us:

If you have anything that you would like to see included in a news sheet, please contact Jane C at the office.