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Health

Provisional Programme for CIEH NI Region "Six Pack" programme 2010 – 2011

Sharing best practice - Michael Cole Award

5 May 2010 1030 – 1600 (lunch provided)

Venue: Oxford Island, Craigavon

The work that has been submitted and selected for presentation at this event represents clear examples of innovative best practice from across the environmental health service in Northern Ireland covering topic areas such as food and nutrition; health and safety; air quality; emergency management and alcohol misuse.

This event presents an excellent opportunity for attendees to learn more about examples of best practice/current work in environmental health across Northern Ireland. It is hoped it will also stimulate ideas for future work and collaboration on key public health and environmental issues. CPD will be available for those who attend.

Joint meeting with the Faculty of Public Health

2010 (month and day tbc) 1030 – 1600

Venue: TBC

This is the first collaboration with the Faculty for some time. The morning session will be a practical workshop – dealing with an emergency scenario. Who fits where? Who does what? Liaison and practical working arrangements. In the afternoon, 3 or 4 short papers to stimulate discussion possible topics to include RPA experiences, joint initiatives/projects, climate change effects on health.

Community Safety

September 2010 (day tbc) 1030 – 1600

Venue: TBC

Community Safety – "Preventing, reducing or containing the social, environmental and intimidatory factors which affect people's right to live without fear of crime and which impacts on their quality of life. It includes preventative measures that contribute to crime reduction and tackle anti-social behaviour." This workshop will provide an insight into the council contribution to some of the partnership projects currently designed to address this issue and to deliver "local solutions to local problems identified by local people" with opportunity to discuss specifically the role of Environmental Health. There will also be opportunity to learn about the process of serving ASBOs and discuss "real-life" case studies from NI councils.

Evaluating outcomes – the key to sustainable change!

November 2010 (day tbc) 1030 - 1600

Venue: TBC

With increasing pressure on resources it is vital that as practitioners we are clear about the impact that interventions actually have. We need to know what works! It is also the key to securing ongoing or repeat funding for innovative projects and can also assist with future funding bids. This topic was also one of the 3 top asks highlighted by EHPs in the work done in 2009 to assess future professional development needs. This seminar offer practical examples of work that has been evaluated; the design process; how to do it (methodology); and the impact that has had. It will also explore potential assistance with the design and delivery of evaluation mechanisms.

Securing our future – addressing climate change

February 2011 (day tbc) 1030 - 1600

Venue: TBC

Climate change impacts, both current and future, are having and are likely to have increasing consequences for health and wellbeing. The critical interdependence between our environment and our wellbeing is something that all EHPs understand. Not only that but EHPs from all core function areas have significant opportunities to contribute. This seminar will give an overview of what those anticipated impacts are and why this issue must become more central to the local authority and environmental health service agenda. It will also provide some practical examples of what local authority colleagues from across the UK are doing and have done to contribute to addressing this significant challenge.

Unpicking community planning and the power of wellbeing

March 2011 (day tbc) 1030 - 1600

Venue: TBC

The Review of Public Administration is set to confer new functions, responsibilities and powers on local government in Northern Ireland. Community planning and the proposed power of wellbeing represent significant opportunities to allow local authorities to address wellbeing and quality of life in a new and innovative way and, if coupled with the community planning concept, in a way that engages with and responds to key community priorities that influence those. This seminar will explore how these concepts and powers have been utilised across the UK in offer insight for the future in NI.

Options for buying into the proposed "Six Pack" Scheme

Groundrules:

Places are not limited or confined on a per event basis – i.e. if an organisation buys 10 places then it can elect to spend its "credits" on one particular event (i.e. send 10 people to a single event) Neither are places are not restricted to CIEH members only or just EHOs. **Anyone** from a participating local authority can attend.

What is it?

- This initiative offers a "package" of events (6 in total over 12 months – April 2010 – March 2011) covering issues of generic interest. The content and topics that the sessions cover will include contributions from leading practitioners in NI and beyond.

What about other training – does this replace something?

- These sessions are not "training" as such, but rather professional development. They present opportunities for learning from others; information exchange; awareness raising and networking and perhaps the opportunity to develop and inform future policy and direction. Therefore they do not either replace or substitute specific training on particular issues as such.
- All the events will be fully CPD accredited and therefore could contribute towards individual CPD requirements (whether CIEH or other) where relevant.

Who can attend?

- Anyone from the participating organisation (not just CIEH members, nor just EHPs).

Where will the sessions be held?

- Locations will vary dependant on availability and will offer a range of different geographical locations.

Who will deliver the content?

- Professionals and practitioners from across the UK (including NI) and possibly on occasion elsewhere.

What will it cost?

- We recognise that local authorities in NI differ widely in terms of staff size and responsibilities. Therefore, rather than a single cost we are proposing "packages" of places

Packages priced as follows

10 places	£400	(£40 per place)
20 places	£750	(£35 per place)
30 places	£950	(£32 per place)
40 places or more	£1200	(£30 per place)

Non participating organisations £50 per person per place

How does it work?

- Organisations who purchase "packages" of places can "spend" the places how they choose. There is complete flexibility in this. There is no limit on the number of places any one individual can avail of, nor is there any limitation (given that the scheme is open to anyone from within the participating organisation whether a CIEH member or not) on individuals in the employment of the participating organisation that can attend.
- Participation is open to any organisation and each participant will be assigned a specific customer reference number to be used in all communication.
- There will be a policy and system established for booking places on the events and each participating organisation will be provided with a regular up to date "balance sheet" showing places "spent" and places remaining.
- The responsibility for cancellations will rest with the participating organisation – i.e. where places have been booked and insufficient notice of cancellation is given, then the place will be forfeited. A documented policy and procedure for this will be issued to all participants.