



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Procurement Development Programme

Those of you with long memories will recall that I used to provide a regular newsletter for the Association in my capacity as Chairman. Well, for one week only - I'm back!

I am writing to remind you of the need to get your nominations in for the Procurement Development Programme being run from Sunday 11 April to Friday 16 April 2010 at the Woodland Grange Conference Centre, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

The Programme uses senior experts in their field and aims to increase professional skills and encourage those attending to obtain further relevant professional qualifications.

It is intensive and requires the commitment of time and effort and the objectives are achieved through a series of tutor inputs, individual exercises, day and evening activities including group work, and the production of a written assessed report that has tangible benefits for the sponsoring organisation.

Without exception, past participants in the programme have reported how much they have benefited and many have gone on to achieve significant progress in their careers, benefiting both themselves and their organisations.

Full details of the Programme can be obtained either by [emailing me](#) or by clicking [here](#) for the link to the Association website.

The course fee of £895.00 + VAT covers all charges for the duration of the programme and nominations must be returned to me by no later than Wednesday 31 March 2010. Invoicing can be carried out in either this or the next financial year if this helps in your accounting process.

JOHN SMITH
Procurement Development Programme Organiser

News

New arrangements in West Dunbartonshire

West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have recently announced plans to integrate Community Health and Social Work services in West Dunbartonshire in shadow form from April 2010. [More...](#)

King's rated top acute in London in outpatient survey results

King's College Hospital has scored highest out of all acute hospitals in London in the third survey of NHS hospital outpatient services carried out by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). [More...](#)

Autism strategy for a welcoming society

The first strategy to help adults with autism in England live independently in a society that understands them was recently launched by Care Services Minister Phil Hope. [More...](#)

Hospital gets highest standard for patient safety

Following a rigorous assessment, West Middlesex University Hospital has achieved the highest standard for patient safety in its maternity services. [More...](#)

News can be read at: <http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk>

This Week's Reports

[Medical Directors' Bulletin](#)

This monthly bulletin provides a practical summary of the latest developments in the implementation of the NHS Plan and keeps medical directors up to date. It also provides access points for further information.

[National Dementia Strategy](#)

This page gives information on a one-year project to develop a national dementia strategy and implementation plan. It links to publications, resources and tools.

Reports can be found at:

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/reports/>

Events

[National GO Awards 2010-11](#)

Focus on...Corporate Social Responsibility and Community Benefit in Procurement Award

[Corporate Social Responsibility \(CSR\)](#) is growing in importance, as consumers and the end-users of public services become more concerned with the ethical aspects of how these services are created and delivered. At the same time, community involvement in procurement has become more prevalent, with communities required to benefit directly from procurement initiatives. This Award recognises those organisations which have done more than most to incorporate CSR and Community Benefit in Procurement (CBiP) thinking into their procurement activities, ensuring a deeper, longer-lasting and wider spread of benefit than may otherwise have been achieved.

The judging panel will award this prestigious accolade on the following criteria:

- Please describe the CSR/Community initiative or approach that

- your organisation has instigated, and what it set out to achieve.
- What aspects of the initiative or approach are particularly innovative, creative and groundbreaking (while remaining within the bounds of procurement legislation)?
 - What level of engagement has been achieved with parties outside of the contracting organisation (for example, other organisations, suppliers, the local community or other interested groups)?
 - What were the expected outcomes of the initiative or approach, and what success has been achieved to date? Where possible, please provide evidence of targets set and performance or measurable benefits achieved.
 - Has your organisation spread the benefit of this initiative or approach to other organisations? If so, how and what results have been achieved?
 - Please provide any other information that you believe is supportive of this entry.

This category will have one winner per sub-category and highly commended awards (if merited).

The deadline for entries for this and all other categories is 16 April 2010 and any queries relating to the GO Awards should be sent to Shellie Toal at shellie.toal@goawards.co.uk or via telephone on 0141 270 7327.

Update your diary by visiting

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/events/index.htm>

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