



Network Meeting : 10th August 2007
Banff & Buchan Room, Woodhill Annexe, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen

Action Notes

1. Welcome

Sandy Riddell introduced himself as the Chair of the Learning Network North and welcomed all the attendees to the meeting, there appeared to be a number of new faces consequently he asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves. Sandy stated that he believed the number and range of attendees highlighted the scope of stakeholders within the Network.

2. Notes of Meeting Held on 11th May 2007

Yvonne Leathley briefed the group on the notes of the last meeting the theme of which was Induction and advised that this event style of meeting would, with the continued agreement of the Network members, be the approach for future meetings.

3. Speakers

Yvonne ran through the schedule for the meeting and introduced the first speaker, Kate Skinner of SIESWE.

Kate gave a brief of SIESWE's range and remit of work and then moved into her presentation entitled 'Producing a Research & Development Strategy' which was well received as interesting and informative.

Yvonne thanked Kate and introduced Pedro Morago, Lecturer at the Robert Gordon University.

Pedro initially stated how satisfying the number of attendees was and that there were not many opportunities of this type to specifically look at the issues of research. Pedro moved on to his presentation entitled 'An Introduction to evidence Based Practice' which focussed on working with and using research in professional practice when dealing with service users and carers' needs., which was also well received.

Yvonne thanked Pedro and asked the attendees to split into groups in order to facilitate further discussion of the topic.

4. Some Discussion Points

- Remember to use body of knowledge beyond our own experience or understanding
- Research to inform day to day practice and articulate courses of action
- Two way process – embedding as two way culture
- Time constraints / motivation
- Agency promotion of research for degree students & front line workers – PRTL
- Different approaches to research at different stages

Yvonne thanked everyone for their attendance and input

5. Date of Next Meeting

9th November 2007 - UHI Executive Offices, Inverness