

# Health and Employability



## Employability Learning Network

*Connecting you to evidence, expertise and excellence*

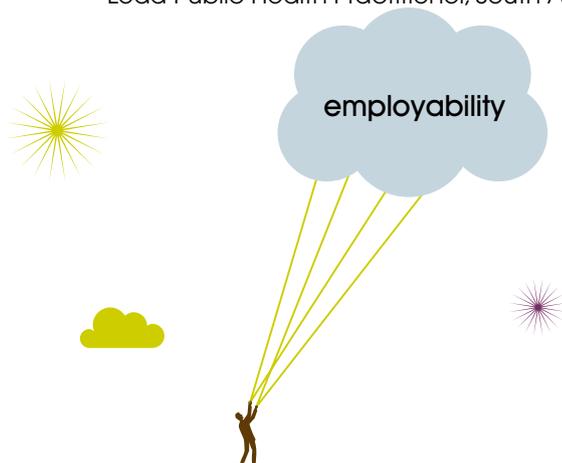
## How does the Employability Learning Network support health and employability?

Within the Employability Learning Network website there is a dedicated section for health and employability.

This section provides easy access to policy documents, the latest research and learning from Scottish Government and other specialists networks. It highlights local approaches including case studies which illustrate the links between health and work. This section provides easy access to practical resources and contacts in the field of health and employability.

The importance of obtaining and remaining in work is recognised as a key contributor to reducing health inequalities. Over the past few years research has provided us with the evidence base that 'good work is good for your health'. This has increased the prominence of vocational rehabilitation and employability issues in the day to day practice of health care professionals. The **Health and Employability section** has the latest research papers, policy documents and local contacts to support you to keep up to date and make contact with others in the field.

*"I've found the (Employability in Scotland) site helpful and have sourced most of my information from it to date...."* Lead Public Health Practitioner, South Ayrshire



### ➤ Web Site Resources

- Resources and tools
- Employability Training Pack for Health Professionals
- Management of the injured Worker: An information pack for physiotherapists
- 100 ways to support recovery, A guide for mental health professionals

### ➤ Policy Documents

- Dame Carol Black's Working for a Healthier Tomorrow Report
- Health Works, A review of the Scottish Government's Healthy Working Lives Strategy
- Waddle, Burton and Kendall's paper

### ➤ Information on New Developments

- Fit for Work Service
- Fit Note

### ➤ Local Approaches and Case Studies

- NHS Tayside Healthcare Academy
- Equally Well NHS Lanarkshire

The Scottish Government recognises that it is not always easy to keep up to date with developments in other fields. It supports the Health and Employability section within the Employability in Scotland website as a key tool to assist health professionals access developments in the employability sector which may impact on their work.

## What does the Employability Learning Network do?

The Learning Network better connects a range of people from the public, private and voluntary sectors across Scotland who are involved in delivering upon the employability agenda.

➤ The Learning Network helps you to:

- learn from other people and organisations facing the same problems through online networking and taking part in events, seminars, workshops, learning groups, peer-review sessions and project development programmes;
- access good practice and evidence of what works including case studies; publications that record learning outcomes from previous programmes and events; and research from Scottish Government and other specialist networks or capacity building programmes;
- work with a bank of experts who will provide advice and share their experience through master classes, meetings, seminars and workshops, or simply as a critical friend;
- access resources such as toolkits, online learning programmes and 'How To' guides; and
- identify any new research, tools and resources you need, which we can then commission on your behalf.



### How does it work?

➤ A dedicated manager works closely with Network members to:

- **identify** the problems the Learning Network should tackle;
- **collect** good practice, evidence of what works and details of people and organisations who have experience in tackling these issues;
- **share** what has worked, through our website, by organising events that showcase good practice, and managing interactive online networking;
- **support** people to build their capacity through developing tailored programmes examining specific problems;
- **commission or develop** new tools, resources and research where members think there is a gap; and
- **measure and improve** the effectiveness of the Learning Network.



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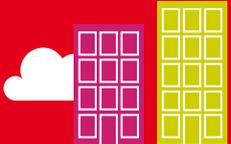
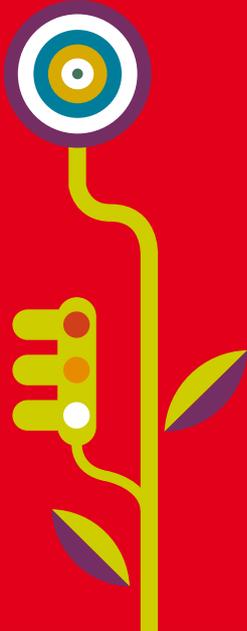
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