

PSHE Email Network: Wednesday 18 June 2008

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1. News Summary

Health and well-being

The latest report from the Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children (HSBC) study focuses on inequalities in young people's health. The study reports findings on family communication, peer interaction and school context, health outcomes and health behaviours, and risk behaviours (smoking, alcohol and cannabis use, sexual behaviour, fighting and bullying), and analyses inequalities by gender, age, geography and socioeconomic status. The HSBC survey was completed by over 200,000 11-, 13- and 15-year olds in 41 countries. Children in the UK reported higher levels of alcohol use than those in most western and southern European countries, and were also more likely to have had sex by the age of fifteen.

The study also found that young people in the UK are becoming more independent of their families, turning to their friends for support. Candace Currie, director of the Child and Adolescent Health Research Unit and the report's lead author at the University of Edinburgh, said "There is something very interesting going on about where young people are getting their support. It's shifting around from their home and parents to their school and peers".

The full report can be downloaded from:

http://www.euro.who.int/eprise/main/WHO/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20080617_1

(*Express*, 18 June 2008, p22; *Guardian*, 18 June 2008, p11; *Mail*, 18 June 2008, p8; *Mirror*, 18 June 2008, p4; *Sun*, 18 June 2008, p14)

2. Educational writer needed for PSHE resource

The national children's charity ERIC (Education and Resources for Improving Childhood Continence) is looking for an educational writer to put together guidance notes for teachers at nursery level and key stage 1 as part of initial practitioner training and in service programmes (Learning and Development module at nursery level and PHSE at key stage 1). These notes will accompany a short film that ERIC is currently putting together in conjunction with the Media Trust.

This is for an immediate start

ERIC provides information and support to children, their families and health professionals relating to childhood wetting and soiling problems. The guidance notes will include key messages from a three year research project with the University of Bristol.

To find out more please contact Beverley Leeson, Deputy Director on 0117 301 2105 or email beverley@eric.org.uk www.eric.org.uk

3. UK Youth Parliament Manifesto

Every year the UK Youth Parliament compiles a manifesto at its Annual Sitting to take place in July, which covers the areas of Law and Society, Education, International matters, Culture, media and sport, Health, Empowering young people and Transport and the environment. This year UKYP would like to get ideas and suggestions from young people in the wider society before the Annual Sitting, about what they think UK Youth Parliament should have in its manifesto in the next year.

The debate on the Online Forum can be accessed from the address below, where the specific points are already being debated.

<http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=40>

To join in, young people must register with the forum at the link below:

<http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/forums/register.php>

The current Manifesto can be downloaded at:

http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/downloads/UKYP_Manifesto.pdf

4. Vacancies

Mentor UK: Development Director

With the support of Futurebuilders England, Mentor UK, the UK's leading drug and alcohol misuse prevention charity, wishes to recruit a Development Director to lead on the development and marketing of a new Mentor UK national "Quality Counts" Standard for drug misuse prevention which it will aim to position as the "industry" norm.

The Development Director will also recruit and train a small "Quality Counts" staff team which will provide packages including expert web-based, telephone and face to face advice to assist practitioners in preparing to meet the "Quality Counts" Standard. This will include guidance on using a Prevention Toolkit to evaluate and review services in line with current best practice. It will also include an assessment service for agencies to achieve the "Quality Counts" Prevention Mark.

Starting Salary: £45,000 p.a. plus 6% pension contribution

After year one, sales-related incentives will be available dependent on performance.

Candidates must have:

- a track record of achievement in marketing and sales
- the ability to innovate and develop ideas
- an understanding of and commitment to quality public services
- the ability to develop, manage and support a dynamic team
- excellent presentation skills

To read more about Mentor UK's work visit <http://www.mentorfoundation.org/uk>

Download the Job Description (including Person Specification) and a "Quality Counts" Project Briefing at <http://www.mentorfoundation.org/uk/jobs>

Applications by CV and covering letter explaining how your skills and experience meet the Person Specification for this post should be sent to admin@mentoruk.org

Closing Date for Applications: **23rd June 2008**

WOMANKIND Worldwide - Head of Programmes

WOMANKIND Worldwide is a leading international women's human rights and development organisation.

WOMANKIND is recruiting for a newly created Head of Programmes position. As well as being a member of the Senior Management Team, this position will be responsible for the strategic development of all our programme activities to ensure ever greater focus, effectiveness and impact in our programmes. Knowledge of women's human rights and/or gender and development is essential and the ideal candidate will have experience of managing a diverse portfolio of partner organisations..

Starting salary: £40,510 plus 7% employer's pension contribution
Closing date for applications: 9.00 am **Tuesday 8th July**

Dates for interviews: 17th & 18th July 2008
Dates for second interviews: 22nd July 2008

For an application pack please download from our website at <http://ww.womankind.org.uk> or email recruitment@womankind.org.uk

WOMANKIND Worldwide welcomes all applicants and values diversity and we are committed to being an equal opportunities employer.
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