New Call for Applications: Leading and Facilitating Cross-sector Collaborations

The focus of the 2019/20 programme is on enhancing cross-system collaborations (e.g. care home and acute sector service or university or GP practice etc.). The collaborations should intend to develop and strengthen cross-system relationships by working together towards developing and achieving shared outcomes. The programme is charitably funded and involves workshops, workplace mentorship/support, a small bursary. Visit: https://tinyurl.com/tchmore for more information, closes 11 December 2018.

During 2018/19, the TCH teams have been focussing on inspiring others, intergenerational engagement and cross-sector working. Read below to find out how they have been getting on.

Inspiring Others to Work in Care

‘Our most important resource is our staff’, and with this in mind, the participating teams from Landermeads: https://tinyurl.com/tchlandermeads and Hilltop House: https://tinyurl.com/tchoakleaf decided to create videos to inspire others by sharing their passion and enthusiasm, hoping to encourage others to ‘seriously consider the care sector and care homes in particular as a positive career choice in which the opportunities to progress are bountiful’. Please watch and share!

Intergenerational Fun!

Everyone at Wren Hall has been enjoying the regular visits from the children at Little Wrens Nursery, which opened in March 2018. Lucy and Adele (members of the care team) are excited to see how relationships are beginning to develop across the generations and are looking forward to learning more about the children and expanding the range of activities and experiences that the ‘big’ and ‘little’ wrens can share. To read about their intergenerational tea-dance visit: https://tinyurl.com/rcniblog

Why Apply?

Kim Crowe, Chief Executive of Parkhaven Trust has noticed: ‘…all staff are now encouraged to take responsibility for quality improvements. The confidence and enthusiasm of participants is contagious.’

Ros Heath, owner of Landermeads commented: ‘It gives dedicated time to reflect, dissect and develop new ideas which are real and can be a resource for other homes.’

Karen Davies, Manager of Rose Court Nursing Home said: ‘I have been able to improve my communication with partners; demystify some people’s perception of what we do; help to influence others and raise the profile of nursing and the level of expertise in the social care sector.’

Cross-sector Working

Many of the teams have been celebrating their expertise in creating meaningful moments https://tinyurl.com/momentblog for the people that they care for and this has stimulated them to think about the ways in which they can share this expertise more widely. For example, helping care teams working in busy medical assessment units to connect and engage in short moments of activity or stillness with people with dementia; or enhancing the confidence of student nurses in caring for people with dementia by sharing strategies for engaging. We are looking forward to seeing how these relationships develop and the outcomes that they achieve.

About the Teaching Care Home Programme

The TCH programme aims to grow a network of homes across England that demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the development of person-centred care and ways of working; engagement in learning, practice development and research; strong working relationships with academic and education providers; and a desire to be a resource for other care homes.

This aim was developed in recognition of the issues of recruitment and retention of both registered nurses and carers, attempting to raise the profile of long term social care as an exciting, rewarding and forward thinking career choice.

https://www.fons.org/programmes/teaching-care-homes