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Workshop Abstracts

How can we incorporate the voices of children and young people into practice in a meaningful way?

Facilitators: Rachael Vaughan and Dan Pitt, Voices from Care

The new social care and well-being act (Wales) 2014 emphasises the need to engage with the views, experiences, and opinions of those who use social care services. While there are few who would disagree with this principle, in practice it can be difficult to implement in a meaningful way that avoids a tokenistic approach. This workshop provides an opportunity to speak with staff and young people involved with Voices from Care, one of the leading advocacy groups for care-experienced children in Wales, as we ask, 'What does listening to children and young people mean in great social work?'

The Future of Great Social Work in Wales: How can Social Care Wales help your practice?

Facilitator: Owen Davies, SSIA/WLGA

Under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016, the Care Council for Wales will in April 2017 become Social Care Wales. In addition to its existing functions SCW will have new responsibilities in relation to social care improvement. This workshop will provide an update from the Social Services Improvement Agency and the Care Council for Wales on work undertaken so far to develop SCW's improvement function, and an opportunity for participants to comment on SCW's improvement functions and the priorities that have been identified.

Involving people who use services and carers in the Cardiff University MA in Social Work

Facilitator: Abyd Quinn-Aziz, Cardiff University

In 2004, the Care Council for Wales introduced a new Degree qualification for Social Work throughout Wales as part of the Welsh Government agenda for improving social work services. Service user and carer views and experience were seen as a significant principle in helping inform, shape and evaluate improvements to social work and social care. The MA in social work began by inviting individual service users to come to talk about their experiences to students. This involvement has developed in a number of ways and recently a more user led 'co-production group' has been formed. This workshop looks at the development of the group, its aims and impact on the social work training programme.



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