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amicus candidate party

A chilly March night in Leicester Square welcomed our amicus party goers to Tiger Tiger in Haymarket for an evening of jazz and cocktails! We had a fantastic turnout with over 150 of our London based social work candidates attending to taste our amicus orange cairoska cocktails, enjoy the Jazz sounds of the 'Manhattan Jazz Trio', catch up and gossip with our amicus consultants and get to go home with a couple of amicus orange men or two! What more could you ask for on a Thursday night!

We had a fabulous evening and loved the opportunity to catch up with all our candidates, their friends and colleagues in an informal setting. Thank you to all of those who were able to attend and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did! We look forward to welcoming you to our summer party pencilled in the diary for September, we will let you know as soon as this years spectacular is booked so you can reserve your place!



GSCC re-registration

Many of you will just have had your first anniversary of registration with the GSCC. If you are not already keeping a record of your post-registration training and learning, it is important to start doing so now. When you apply to renew your registration at the end of 3 years, the GSCC will ask you to submit a record of your training and learning and may ask you to provide additional evidence.

The GSCC expect you to 'choose' training and learning activities that:

- will benefit your current employment
- will benefit your career progression
- reflect your preferred learning style

Make the most of the learning opportunities available to you.

For example, you may wish to:

- arrange to shadow the work of a colleague in a related team or profession
- negotiate protected time to research latest policy and good practice developments in your field of practice
- undertake a piece of research related to your practice.

"If you are studying for a certificated post-qualifying award, you can use those studies as evidence that you meet the post-registration training and learning requirements." (GSCC, 2005).

amicus note: Dont forget, amicus recruit provide free in house accredited PQ1 and PQSW courses, speak to your consultant today to register for the next available course.

Further details can be found on the GSCC website in the Post Registration Training section. www.gsc.org.uk

amicus note: Don't forget we provide Continuing Professional Development Portfolios, exclusive to amicus recruit, available to our candidates, just speak to your dedicated consultant to reserve your personal copy!

wanless social care review

'Securing Good Care for Older People', the report of the Wanless Social Care Review Team has just been published. The report provides an analysis of the demand for social care, estimating costs over the next 20 years. The review made recommendations for a fairer and more cost-effective way of funding social care than the present system, favouring a 'Partnership Model' which involves providing a minimum guaranteed amount of care free at the point of delivery. The report is likely to have an important influence on government policy and summary and full reports can be found on the King's Fund website: www.kingsfund.org.uk



amicus note: Dont forget, please notify your consultant if you have any plans for holidays during the summer months!

amicus ladies Race for Life!

On Sunday 18th June 2006 the ladies from the amicus recruit south office will be completing the Hastings 5km race for life in aid of cancer research. Some will run, some will walk and a couple may have to be coaxed to the finish line with a large glass of cold white wine, but we would very much appreciate your donations and sponsors! It is really easy to donate online by visiting our sponsorship page on www.raceforlifespensorm.org/amicusladies. Thank you very much in advance, we will keep you updated with our progress!



social work resources - NEW

A fantastic book that provides valuable summaries of social work research studies in an easy to read and well laid out format: 'Supporting Parents: Messages from Research by David Quinton (2004)' published by Jessica Kingsley. It is like an update of 'Messages from Research' which some may remember.

Free Books

The SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) have published a book called 'Managing risk and minimizing mistakes in services to children and families (2005)'. It's very user friendly and obviously always topical, but best of all it's FREE!!! If candidates log onto the SCIE website www.scie.org.uk they can order a copy. It is really useful for practice and PQ studies. They also have free books on adoption, fostering and looked after children amongst others.

baby baby

It's baby boom time at amicus recruit as we have had two births this spring! Kate Watkins, amicus HR and Marketing manager has given birth to a beautiful baby girl on the 24th March called Freya and Lesley Griffiths our consultant in the Wakefield Office gave birth to a beautiful baby girl called Maisy. We wish lots of luck to our new mums in the coming months and hope there are not too many sleepless nights!

exhibitions & careers fairs

Community Care Live Exhibition
Business Design Centre
17 -18th May 2006

amicus recruit will be attending the exhibition at Stand 73. If you are attending it would be great to see you, please come and have a chat and meet all the consultants and staff. We look forward to seeing you. There are also some excellent seminars and workshops during the 2 days, for the full programme of events visit:

www.communitycare.co.uk/cclive/programme17.htm Remember, places are on a first come first serve basis.

At recent careers fairs our amicus north office has delivered very successful Managing Your Career Workshops for Nottingham Trent, UCLAN (Preston) and De-Montfort (Leicester) Universities whilst attending their careers fairs. For more information on the workshops e-mail Sean at sean@amicusrecruit.com

amicus note: amicus have been busy attending careers fairs across the country at Kingston, Havering and Leicester to name a few, recruiting new candidates. If you know of either a newly qualified or experienced QSW don't forget you can refer them to amicus and reap the rewards from our Refer a Friend scheme.

new amicus contracts

amicus have successfully secured contracts for the supply of Reviewing Officers and Form F Assessors to a major London Borough and a large private organisation. If you have experience of either Adult reviewing work or Form F Assessments and would like to be considered for future contracts please contact your consultant who will advise you of any forthcoming opportunities.

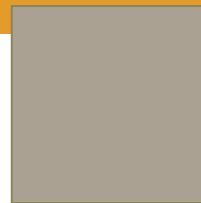
Our contracts team are also negotiating new contracts for EDT/ASW within the South East London area, so if you or any of your colleagues would be interested in future opportunities, once again, please contact your consultant, also remember for each referral you can earn up to an additional £550*

permanent job opportunities

We currently have many permanent statutory vacancies available throughout the UK. Vacancies range from base grade Qualified Social Workers through to Service Managers. In particular we are seeking candidates with Children & Families experience. If you are considering seeking a permanent position please speak to our dedicated Senior Permanent Consultant – Paul McCleery or alternatively email: paulm@amicusrecruit.com

new making research count programme coming soon!

Following the fantastic success of our winter programme of amicus MRC seminars we are pleased to announce that we will shortly be launching our summer programme of events. Look out for your copy of our programme in your letterbox and inbox very soon! Don't forget these seminars are exclusive to amicus recruit and are free to attend. They provide you with valuable training and learning that you need in order to maintain your GSCC registration.



refer a friend: new pyramid bonus scheme*

From March 1st 2006 we introduced a fantastic new referral bonus scheme, which will see your bonus money increase as your successful referrals of social work friends and colleagues increase. Your first social work referral to amicus will be worth £250*, your second referral will pay you £350* and your third referral will pay you £450*. For your fourth and any further referrals made to your dedicated consultant, amicus will pay you £550* for each and every one. So start referring your social work friends and colleagues to your dedicated consultant today so they can start enjoying our fantastic bonuses, training and of course our parties!

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* terms and conditions apply.

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