



Amicus summer celebration

As we now all know that predictions of a 'barbeque summer' this year were rather optimistic, it was no surprise when the weather for the recent amicus recruit summer boat party turned out to be cold and windy!



Fortunately, this did not prevent over 150 amicus candidates and staff from thoroughly enjoying an evening's sightseeing cruise down the River Thames aboard *The Golden Jubilee*.

Safeguarding

As most candidates are aware, it is very important to keep your safeguarding status up to date – this is essential when looking for new positions and for passing managed vendor audits successfully.

Whilst the amicus compliance team works hard to obtain all the necessary information with as little inconvenience to you as possible, we do understand that the process may still be frustrating and time consuming. Please continue helping us to help you by responding promptly to our requests for information. If you have any queries, please contact our compliance team on 0845 450 7479.

• **New vetting and barring scheme** – amicus is closely monitoring developments and will keep you informed of any changes which may affect you, including the new application form being introduced in Spring 2010, but please contact us if you have any concerns.

Guests were kept fully entertained by casino tables and a buffet on the lower deck, a bar and disco on the upper deck and a barbeque outside.



Amicus staff had a great time talking to and catching up with everyone and are already busy planning the next event! Thanks to everyone who attended and also to the RACS Group for sponsoring the party.

Top marks!

As a social work recruitment agency, we believe our commitment to quality and our professional standards should be as high as those expected of social workers. Amicus therefore belongs to many industry bodies, including ASWEB – an association of social work employment businesses committed to promoting the needs of the social work profession.

ASWEB recently commissioned an independent audit of its members to ensure high levels of compliance and standards were being met. We are very pleased to tell you that amicus passed with flying colours, scoring 95% and fully meeting all six audited standards.

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We hope you find this newsletter useful. We intend to produce it on a regular basis and would very much welcome feedback or suggestions for content from our candidates. Please email caroline@amicusrecruit.com with your thoughts and comments.

* TOP JOBS *

**Social Worker
Looked After Children**
Ref 8806
Central London £25 per hour

**Social Worker
Children & Families**
Ref 8779
Central London £25 per hour

**Social Worker
Child Abuse Investigations**
Ref 8770
Central London £25 per hour

**Family Support Workers x 2
Children & Families**
Ref 8801
East Anglia £24 per hour

**Senior Practitioners
Family Centre Team**
Ref 8803
East Anglia £31 per hour

**Social Worker
Initial Response Team**
Ref 8804
East Anglia £24 per hour

**Independent Reviewing Officer
Children & Young People**
Ref 8744
West Midlands £33-34 per hour

**Social Workers x 3
Fostering Team**
Ref 8603
South West £21-22 per hour

**Social Worker
Care Management Team**
Ref 8761
West Midlands £18-23 per hour

**Social Worker
Adoption**
Ref 8812
South West £40-42 per hour

**Social Worker
Supporting Foster Carers**
North West Kent/South London
Permanent

**Team Leaders x 2
Private Fostering Agency**
Home Counties
Permanent

**Assistant Team Manager
Assessment & Locality Team**
North London
Permanent

CONTACT US FOR DETAILS!

We currently hold in excess of 70 contracts across the UK, so **ring us now on 0845 450 7479** to find out about all the other jobs that are available and how amicus can help you manage your career.

Refer a friend

Bonus money for you and great career prospects for your friends and colleagues in social work – the amicus referral scheme benefits everyone. Just refer your social work colleagues to amicus today and start enjoying our fantastic bonuses – the more social workers you place, the higher your bonus will be. Your first social work referral to amicus will be worth £250*, your second referral will pay you £350* whilst your third referral will pay you £450*. For the fourth and any subsequent referrals made to your dedicated consultant, amicus will pay you £550* for each and every one.

* Terms & conditions apply.

Put a face to a name at amicus recruit



Caroline Routledge
Candidate Relationship Manager
Mob: 0791 2630983
Caroline meets regularly with candidates to discuss their training needs, career progression and any other issues.



Rachel Hales
Candidate Services Officer
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A qualified child protection social worker in Australia, Rachel is responsible for registering new candidates.



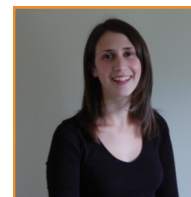
Naomi Nonu-Carling
International Candidate Services Officer
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Naomi handles the registration and maintenance of international candidates & has a social work background in Australia.



Steven Huxham
Non-executive chairman of the board at amicus recruit



Grant Beveridge
Resource Team Manager
Tel: 01424 775404
Grant recently joined amicus and is in charge of the recruitment resource team.



Debbie Watson
Safeguarding Consultant
Mob: 0787 2378760
Previously an amicus resourcer, Debbie is now Safeguarding Consultant for the Midlands.

More amicus faces to follow in the next issue! In the meantime, welcome to Steve Huxham of HUX HR Solutions who becomes non-executive chairman of the amicus board. With extensive experience in the recruitment and resourcing sector, Steve runs his own company and is involved with many trade bodies and professional organisations – including The Recruitment Society and the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development.

Welcome also to Grant Beveridge who joins amicus as Resource Team Manager and welcome back to Rachel Hales, who returns from Australia to resume her post as Candidate Services Officer at the beginning of October.

Sadly, we also have to say goodbye – to Becky Young, Contracts & Quality Assurance Officer, and to Fran McDonald, Compliance Administrator. Becky has left to pursue a career in nursing after more than eight years at amicus, during which time she won around 90 contracts for us. Fran is returning to university in Manchester and we wish them both the very best for the future.

Great training opportunities

At amicus, we offer great training opportunities to help you meet post-qualifying requirements and to develop your career.

Continuing Professional Development

We recently ran two very successful London-based courses in partnership with Bournemouth University – Consolidation & Preparation for Specialist Practice Programme (the revised PQI, which qualified social workers must complete before undertaking a specialist award); and the Best Interest Assessor Unit, which explores the new legislative framework established by The Mental Health Capacity Act 2005 and prepares candidates to undertake the statutory role of Best Interest Assessor.

Both courses were well attended and had very positive feedback from candidates, ranging from “very well delivered – enhanced learning outcomes” through “Amicus is great – thanks for updating my skills and experience” to “food and venue excellent!”. Good luck to candidates submitting portfolios at the moment for these courses. We hope to run both programmes again in the autumn, with workshops delivered over evenings and weekends – dates to be advised.

Training courses

Places are now available for several one-day training courses we are running in conjunction with ASWEB:

Adoption and Children Act 2002: this course looks at the background to the act, Placement Orders, Special Guardianship Orders and the impact of the Act on Looked After Children.
Tuesday 20th October 2009

Court Skills: This course looks at giving evidence in a courtroom setting and the etiquette to adopt in this environment (the “do’s and don’ts”). It also explores issues of seeking support and contamination of evidence.
Wednesday 18th November 2009

Diversity Awareness: This course looks at What is Diversity and celebrating difference. It also explores issues of sensitivity, stereotyping and equality of opportunity.
Friday 4th December 2009

For further information on all training opportunities, contact Heidi Cornwall on 01424 775404 or email heidi@amicusrecruit.com.

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