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2012 - EU Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (EEYAA) - Eurofound launches new Information Pack on Active Ageing

At the recent launch event of the European Year 2012 on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations held in Copenhagen on the 18th and 19th January 2012, Eurofound presented a recipe on what reforms are necessary to keep senior citizens in the labour market. Also new publications and research material on Active Ageing including the new Active Ageing Resource Pack were announced at the event. You can also check <http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/europeanyear2012/> for more and up-to-date information on Active Ageing.

Mental Health Europe's Director retires

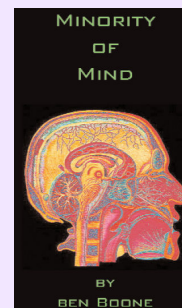
Mary Van Dievel has retired from her position as Mental Health Europe's Director after serving and representing her organisation for many years. Mary has been a well respected driving force in the Mental Health arena in Brussels and a tireless campaigner for the promotion of Mental Health and the prevention of Social Exclusion. All at EUFAMI send her best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

UK Deputy Prime Minister gives seal of approval for mental health campaign

On the 17th January, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg hosted a reception to mark the achievements of the "Time to Change" programme to combat the stigma and discrimination faced by people with mental health problems. Rethink Mental Illness, one of EUFAMI's UK's member associations was closely involved with this programme. Since launching in 2007 "Time to Change" has built up the support of more than 89,000 people and the campaign included social marketing campaigns, community engagement and targeted work with professionals and employers. During the reception, the second phase of the campaign entitled "It's time to talk. It's time to change" was launched. This campaign, which will continue its work until 2015, will focus on tackling stigma amongst children and young people.

New Book - Minority of Mind

Benjamin Boone shares a journey few are able to take and talk about. Boone, now in his early 30s, was diagnosed with schizophrenia the day after he graduated with a degree in writing and publishing from Emerson College in Boston. He spent a month at Mclean Hospital and six months at a group home. During the past ten years he's been hospitalized nine times. Faced with the reality that he had a lifelong illness and his childhood ambitions would never be realized, he offered himself up as a test subject for dozens of research studies at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts hospitals. His book "Minority of Mind" tells a compelling story of his life as "subject" for the study of schizophrenia and a host of other unrelated illnesses. Contact minorityofmind@gmail.com for further details.



Horatio Turku Declaration

After a year's work, involving consultations and feedback from members of the European Expert Panel of Psychiatric Nursing, individuals and organisations around Europe and worldwide, Horatio published the Turku Declaration in December 2011. Its launch marks a major stepping stone for the European organisation's goal of achieving parity for all psychiatric and mental health nurses working with those challenged by mental health problems in Europe. See www.horatio-web.eu or direct with http://www.horatio-web.eu/downloads/Horatio_Turku_Declaration_2011.pdf

2012 Euro Health Consumer Index

For the sixth time since 2005, Health Consumer Powerhouse (HCP) is asking health campaigners across Europe to help it compile the annual Euro Health Consumer Index. The 2012 Index will measure the user-friendliness of national healthcare systems across 34 countries in Europe. If you would like to contribute your views on the condition of your country's healthcare system in 2012, click on <http://svy.mk/ukK76n>. This year's questionnaire is short (15 questions), and should take no more than about 10 minutes of your time to complete. The survey's closing date is Friday, 10th February 2012.

2012 Public Health Programme Calls for Proposals Launched

The European Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) has published the 2012 Work Plan setting out details of the financing mechanisms and priority areas for action in implementing the Public Health Programme. The Work Plan includes the full list of call for proposals for projects, operating grants, conferences and joint actions as well as the full list of call for tenders to be published soon in the months to come.

The 2012 Work Plan can be accessed at http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/docs/wp2012_en.pdf. **The deadline for submitting an application is the 9th March 2012.**

Prospect – EUFAMI's Training Programme

Prospect, EUFAMI's Training Initiative, is currently being used by people in over 14 European countries. Prospect is a very unique peer to peer programme and was developed by EUFAMI members from many countries. If you would like to get further information, contact Rita Geerts on project.admin.office@eufami.org.



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