

March 2020 Training Course and Apprenticeship Scheme

The European Reminiscence Network announces a new Training Course and Apprenticeship Scheme in Reminiscence Arts in Dementia Care - in partnership with the University of Greenwich

This training course and apprenticeship scheme will be of interest to arts practitioners, community arts workers, occupational and arts therapists, group workers, reminiscence practitioners, staff from health and social care services who are interested and/or experienced in positive approaches to dementia care.

A. 2-day Training course in reminiscence arts in dementia care

You are invited to apply for a 2-day training course to be held at the University of Greenwich.

Venue: The Drama Building, The Old Baths, Bathway, Woolwich, London SE18 6QX

Dates: Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March 2020

Time: 9:30 – 17:00

This experiential course will be led by highly experienced reminiscence arts practitioners and trainers, with input from volunteers and former carers. It will be certificated by the European Reminiscence Network.

B. 4-month apprenticeship scheme in reminiscence arts in dementia care

Up to 10 places are available for trainees on the above course to join the new apprenticeship scheme for people who wish to become accredited facilitators of reminiscence groups for people with dementia and their carers.

The apprenticeship scheme involves attending, observing and participating in at least 6 out of 12 weekly group sessions of the “Remembering Yesterday, Caring Today” (RYCT) project involving local people with dementia and their family carers. There are a further 2-3 sessions, which will be led by the apprentices working in small teams. These sessions, hosted by Resonate Arts, will be held in Westminster at the Dementia and Memory Resource Centre, 42 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5PH from 17th March onwards, on Tuesday afternoons from 15.30 to 17.30.

Those who wish to become European Reminiscence Network accredited facilitators will also be required to give evidence of their ability to observe and reflect on the project through a written response, or an

audio or video diary capturing the participants' experience of the project, reflecting on the content and impact of the sessions and how far they have met the needs of the participants. They will also be asked to help to prepare a piece of art based on reminiscence for one of the families attending the sessions. Those successfully completing these requirements will receive accreditation as RYCT facilitators from the European Reminiscence Network. Further details are available on request.

This training and apprenticeship scheme is part of a 10-country partnership supported by the EU with a view to extending and sharing the European Reminiscence Network's recent experience of running a successful 20-year project, "Remembering Together: Reminiscence Training for people with dementia and their family carers" (RTRT & RYCTT). See www.rememberingtogether.eu

The cost of the 2-day training is £120, and for those joining the apprenticeship scheme, there will be a further £120 fee towards the support and evaluation provided by course leaders. There is a small bursary fund so we can offer some places at a reduced rate.

Please write to Pam Schweitzer at pam@pamschweitzer.com indicating your interest in the training course or your interest and availability for the training course and apprenticeship scheme together, enclosing a CV.

