





EMPOWERING OTHERS TO DO IT THEMSELVES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

BEMIS in partnership with CHEX in Breaking New Ground for Training in Health Issues in the Community for the Black and Ethnic Minorities Voluntary Sector:

The Scottish Executive's vision for Health and Wellbeing neighborhood renewal requires a new set of skills and understanding to work and learn from tutors who have successfully completed this training and learn from the health practitioners in the communities. Whether you are working in central government, local government or as part of a local partnership, you will be part of the contemporary rediscovery of community and active citizenship. The programme will assist you to build critical skills and knowledge you need to work effectively in this area.

As part of BEMIS's programme for capacity building strategy for the black and ethnic minority's voluntary sector, this training programme is designed to fill a gap that has hindered the development of this sector and the diverse communities it represents. It is well acknowledged that the black and ethnic minorities' voluntary sector (BEMVS) has been and continues to be disadvantaged at various levels. This is attributed to a number of factors including lack of access to training and policy and decision making processes, which remains a major problem.

In response, BEMIS, in partnership with CHEX (COMMUNITY HEALTH EXCHANGE) is delivering a Health Issues in the Community is a national training resource that is ideally suited to help equip local people for the real challenges that they face in developing community responses to health issues and becoming more active citizens.

This course is aimed at local people who are involved or interested in community health initiatives. This training is for people working in the community organisations, volunteers, and members of voluntary management committees or individuals who find access to mainstream educational difficult. This is also for community health workers, voluntary sector project workers and primary care staff.

Accreditation

Participants successfully completing Part 1 (Units 1-8) will be awarded 5 points at Level 6 within the SCQF.

Participants successfully completing the Full Course (Units 1-16) will be awarded 10 points at SHE Level 1 by the University of Edinburgh.

So what are the benefits to you?

- Free training on health issues in the community.
- Meet others with similar interests.
- Gain a formal qualification (optional).
- Boost your confidence.
- Develop new skills to make changes in your community.
- Explore issues around inequalities in health.
- Gain Accreditation and a Certificate

Times and Dates

The Course will take place on Thursday mornings starting on Thursday 17th April and covering one Unit per week. It is proposed that Part 1 of the course will be delivered from April to June with participants then deciding if they wish to continue to Part 2 at a later stage.

Venue/Support/Resources

The Course will take place in the BEMIS offices in the Centrum Building, 38 Queen Street, Glasgow. Additional support and resources will be available from CHEX if required.

Further Information

For further information about the course please contact Tanveer Parnez at BEMIS, 3rd Floor, Centrum Building, 38 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3DX Tel: 0141 548 8047 Email: <u>tanveer.parnez@bemis.org.uk</u> or <u>adnan.miyasar@bemis.org.uk</u>

Full time table of the outlines of the programme will be available on contacting BEMIS.

For further information about Health Issues in the Community please contact David Allan at CHEX, c/o Scottish Community Development Centre, Suite 305, Baltic Chambers, 50 Wellington St., Glasgow G2 6HJ Tel: 0141 248 1990 Email: <u>david@scdc.org.uk</u>

For enrolment please get application forms from BEMIS

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