

*Welcome to
the March 2009 E-Bulletin!*

- What is the latest news on tobacco control?
- Facts and information on what is happening internationally, nationally, regionally and locally

Welcome to the March 2009 Smoke Free Hampshire & Isle of Wight e-bulletin. Please email sarah.preece@hampshirepct.nhs.uk if you have any comments, or to add a colleague to the distribution list. See www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk for previous issues.

International/National News

Smokefree Action Campaign

The campaign pages of the Smokefree Action website have now gone live <http://www.smokefreeaction.org.uk/get-involved.html>. The coalition is currently campaigning on the tobacco control measures in the Health Bill which contains legislation to protect children and young people. You can use the pages to write to your MP.

Communicate, Collaborate, Celebrate

A National Tobacco Control Conference ("*Communicate, Collaborate, Celebrate*") will be taking place on 5th and 6th October 2009 in Cardiff. For more information, please visit: <http://www.smoking-conference-wales.org.uk/index.php>

Regional News

National Strategy Day follow up

The South East Region is also holding an event in London on 23rd March as a follow-up from the National Strategy Day on 4th February. This event will provide an opportunity to develop local plans for advocacy, briefing and action. For more information, email Joanne.Locker@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Low Birth Weight Babies

Seminars will be taking place on 21st May (Cosham) and 4th June (Newport, IOW) on Low Birth Weight Babies and Smoking. These are for professionals working with pregnant women and are aimed at raising awareness around low birth weight and raising issues around smoking and encouraging behaviour change. For more information, contact Sue Weston on 07860 946808 training@smokefreelondon.com.

New Regional Post

Our very own Anita Cameron-Smith from the Isle of Wight will be joining the regional team in Guildford from 1st April as the Regional Improvement & Delivery Manager: Stop Smoking Services. Congratulations to Anita on her appointment!

Stubbing Out Underage Sales on No Smoking Day

Hampshire County Council Accredited Community Safety Officers visited schools in the Gosport area for No Smoking Day to warn schoolchildren of the dangers of smoking and to discuss the new laws surrounding the sale of cigarettes. The first school to be visited on 10th March was Rowner Junior School, where Officers met with pupils in the Junior Community Team. For more information, visit:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/communications/mediacentre/mediareleases.htm?newsid=307068>



Hampshire County Council ACSOs meet the Rowner Junior Community Team – as seen on TV!

Other No Smoking Day activity in our area has included:

- Quit4Life - Hampshire Stop Smoking Service in the foyer of Asda at Farnborough, Totton, Fareham, Gosport, Cosham, plus Aldershot Centre for Health and Aldershot Tesco and Hart Shopping Centre, Fleet.
- Smoke Free Hampshire and Quit4life advisers will be taking Big Cig along to The Shots (Aldershot Town FC) match against Luton on March 14th (more on that later!)
- Southampton Quitters at ASDA Southampton.
- Island Quitters and Chamber Health Stop Smoking Roadshow and at St Mary's Hospital, Isle of Wight.
- St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth - Interactive stop smoking stand.

Smoke Free Hampshire & IOW Action Plan for 09-10

The next meeting for members of Smoke Free Hampshire & IOW will take place on **Monday 16th March** at Havant Borough Council between 10am and 12.30pm. The aim of this meeting is to follow up on the recommendations from our review meeting in January and to develop an action plan for 09-10. Discussion will include our local response to the campaign around tobacco displays, relating to the Health Bill currently in Parliament. If you would like to attend, please email sarah.preece@hampshirepct.nhs.uk.

Local Smoke Free Projects

Those of you who have received funding for local tobacco control projects will have recently received a Quick Check sheet to provide an update on progress. Thank you to those of you who have responded and returned the sheet so quickly. If you haven't already returned it – please do so as soon as you can! Another workshop is planned for June, where we can share progress on these projects and also hear about other smoke free projects taking place.

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