



Health Challenge Wales: Evidence for Policy Seminar Series

Seminar Two – Launch of the Public Health Improvement Research Network (PHIRN)

February 16th, 2006: 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

The UnumProvident Centre for Psychosocial and Disability Research, 51a Park Place, Cardiff

The Cardiff Institute of Society Health and Ethics, Cardiff University in partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government is pleased to announce the second in the **Health Challenge Wales: Evidence for Policy Seminar Series** on February 16th. The seminar will launch the **Public Health Improvement Research Network (PHIRN)** which has been funded by WORD for 3 years. The network aims to bring together academics, policy makers and practitioners concerned with the development, strategic planning, delivery and evaluation of policies, services and interventions that impact upon the health of the public in Wales at a community or population level. The network will facilitate a continuous process of:

- identification and exploration of research priorities
- identification of teams with academic, policy and practitioner representation to take forward priority research projects
- exchange of new evidence, policy developments, practitioner innovation
- identification of innovations in policy and practice at an early stage in planning, maximizing the opportunities for 'natural experiments'
- development of high quality research project protocols
- execution of funded research protocols.

This seminar will provide an opportunity to reflect on and discuss examples of high quality policy relevant research and to identify effective approaches and structures that could be taken forward within PHIRN. The seminar is from 1.30 for a 200 pm start and will conclude at 5.00 pm with refreshments. The session will be opened by a representative of the Welsh Assembly Government and the speakers will be:

Professor Ronan Lyons, Centre for Health Improvement Research and Evaluation, University of Wales Swansea

Simant Westley, National Public Health Service and Institute of Medical and Social Care Research, University of Wales, Bangor

Dawn Armstrong-Esther, Institute of Rural Health

Professor Laurence Moore, CISHE, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University

Dr Simon Murphy, CISHE, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University

They will be followed by a panel discussion focussing on implications for the development of the research network.

The aim of the series is to create a dialogue between academics and policy makers within an on-going programme of seminars. There is no charge to attend the seminars but you are required to register in advance and will be asked to confirm attendance for each event. To facilitate discussion, participant numbers have been restricted so early confirmation is strongly recommended. For details see the accompanying registration form. If you are unable to attend the seminar but are interested in contributing to PHIRN, you can register your interest on the accompanying registration form.

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