

September 2011 e-news

Sponsor Bryn Davies! <http://www.justgiving.com/Bryn-Davies>

I'm writing this e-newsletter in a state of some excitement as we have some really great news to share, about fundraising success, and progress on our various projects...

Fundraising...

- **Hard work:** In October Bryn Davies is **raising funds for CSEL** by competing in the Ironman Distance Triathlon in Barcelona. Please help Bryn and CSEL! through his Just Giving webpage: <http://www.justgiving.com/Bryn-Davies>.
- **Success:** Over the summer our fundraising strategy has begun to bear fruit, with Esmee Fairbairn granting us £40,000 over the next two years to continue to undertake our work, and a generous philanthropic donor granting us £10,000 towards our core work. We're excited that our work is clearly valued and understood to be important, and it's encouraging us as we carry on building relationships and working ever more closely with other trusts and foundations, and philanthropists.

Project news...

- The **Dissemination Project for Refugee Women** in June gave training in Glasgow, Bedford and Sheffield to deliver training sessions to a wide variety of groups and individuals supporting traumatised women seeking asylum, including: the Unity Centre, the Red Cross and rape crisis in Glasgow; the Yarls Wood Befrienders and Zimbabwean MDC in Bradford; Calderdale Womenscentre, ASSIST and the Northern Refugee Centre in Sheffield; anti-trafficking projects in Glasgow and Sheffield, and many others. I'd particularly like to thank Jane at Unity Centre, Heather at Yarls Wood Befrienders, Jeni at Northern Refugee Centre, and Marcia and Gina at South Yorkshire Refugee Law and Justice for all the hard work they put into organising and promoting the training.
- **The future...** We've now run 11 training seminars through the women's research dissemination project, in London, Brighton, Manchester, Newcastle, Cardiff, Glasgow, Bedford and Sheffield, and trained more than 180 people. We want to build on the interest there's been from both violence against women services and refugee support services and make sure that there's some legacy from the project. If you have thoughts on what we can do, please get in touch with me: c.cochrane@csel.org.uk.
- The **"Discrepancies II" research project** data collection is moving into its analysis and writing up phase. We're so grateful to people who have given their time and energy to be interviewed for this project – and to the clinicians and supporters who have helped us find these generous interviewees. We're looking forward to reporting on the findings in 2012, so watch this space!
- The second round of **trials of former Khmer Rouge leaders** has started in Cambodia, and our interdisciplinary project **'Psychology, mental health and law: integrating psychological**

knowledge in the Khmer Rouge trials' continues to explore the ways in which witnesses present themselves and are perceived in human rights courts. In June, Jane, researcher Rebecca Brönimann, and Julia Mueller of the University of Zurich presented a symposium at the annual European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies conference.

Communications...

- **Looking back:** Our annual report has been published and is available online at: <http://www.csel.org.uk/resource/CSEL%202009-11%20Annual%20Report> – it's a bumper issue covering 18 months of work as we changed our financial reporting date.
- **Looking forward:** In June we held an intense – and very fruitful - **Trustees' away morning**, discussing CSEL's strategic direction, trustees' roles, training and media strategies, and financial and fundraising strategies. Our to-do lists should keep us busy until the next Trustees' away day!

Other news...

- Trustee Syd Bolton contributed a chapter to ILPA's **new book *Working with Refugee Children***:
<http://www.ilpa.org.uk/publications/11.05.24%20Working%20with%20Refugee%20Children..pdf>
- I attended the **'Safety Through Justice' conference**, an Anti-Trafficking Law training day run by the Anti-Trafficking Legal Project and the Aire Centre Safety Through Justice conference and learnt about this very specialised area of law - and met some inspiring campaigners, lawyers and frontline workers.
- In June, Jane took part in a symposium at **Edinburgh Law School** where, amongst other presentations, Vanessa Munro and Sharon Cowan presented the first results of their study into how rape is dealt with in asylum courts. The symposium was a great opportunity for CSEL's research to reach and be discussed by a group that included an anthropologist, academic and practitioner lawyers, a UKBA official, and an immigration judge.

So after a lovely relaxing summer, we've got our noses to the grindstone... Look out for more news from CSEL in a few months' time.

Meanwhile, please do get in touch if you have:

- Feedback about how you have used CSEL research;
- Questions about our work;
- Ideas for future research, training or dissemination projects; or
- Queries about how to donate to help us in our mission to change legal decision making through the application of psychological knowledge.

Until then, good luck in your work too,

Clare Cochrane