



## NETS(work) E-Bulletin- Events Special

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**1. Leaders Forum – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011,  
Venue - Dance City, Temple Street, Newcastle, NE1 4BR.**

10 - 1PM (followed by lunch) - further challenges of the 'efficiencies' agenda and the impact on our organisations. Considering the current changes in housing, employment and commissioning policy and practice. Knowledgeable speakers and lots of opportunity for discussion and networking.

To book a place on the event please go to the survey monkey weblink - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/leadersforum14thoctober>

**2. Progress For Providers – with Helen Sanderson – 19<sup>th</sup> October (10 – 4).  
Venue – Centre For ~Life, Newcastle**

This is a NETS(work) event that is encouraging member organisation to really work together to promote greater choice and control for the people we support through stronger partnerships.

Progress For Providers a managers toolkit, has been developed by Helen Sanderson Associates working with other agencies as a helpful resource for organisations committed to developing person centred approaches in their organisations.

In particular it focuses on the roles of leaders and managers in organisations in delivering self-directed support and the hard work that organisations have to do to make this a reality.

We are planning a highly participative event with Helen Sanderson. This event will give you the opportunity to hear something about the development of the toolkit and some stories about its' use so far.

This will be followed by a great opportunity to work with others across the NETS(work) membership to identify key issues to address and to start to work on these challenges in partnership with others.

The NETS(work) intends to follow up and support any new initiatives that emerge in partner organisations working together.

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**3. Assistive Technology – supporting Independence – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011,  
Venue - MPH, Pelaw, Gateshead**

Progress has been made in the north east and across the country in supporting independence for people and making efficiencies through the use of Assistive Technology (AT).

The first NETS(work) AT event in March 2011 saw 75 people from a whole range of organisations, groups and localities come together to hear about what is working well and what are the big challenges.

NETS(work) members have asked for follow up work around AT. So we are planning this interactive event which we hope will be an opportunity for the audience to identify for themselves important areas to work on.

Then to work with other people to discuss first steps towards making change happen. In the future the NETS(work) would be keen to stay in touch with any new work that may emerge from the day and continue to help share best practice, new ideas and evidence of what is working.

**To book a place on the event please go to the survey monkey weblink - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/assistivetechology8th>**

We are making a £20 charge per person to cover costs for each of these three days.

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