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## THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

*A major European Conference addressing the subject of Children of parents with a mental illness*

**With just one month to the conference, it is essential that you register NOW to book your place at the conference. Log onto [www.eufami.org/register](http://www.eufami.org/register). We look forward to meeting as many as possible in Vilnius on 26/27 November.**

### Right Here Pilot sites announced

Right Here is an innovative project by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and the Mental Health Foundation. The aim of this project is give young people support to help them look after their mental health when, where and how they would like it. To kick the project off, four local sites that have the potential to make a lasting difference to how young people are supported have been selected.

These pilot sites will be officially launched in April 2010. Find out about the pilot sites and more about the plans at [www.right-here.org.uk](http://www.right-here.org.uk)

### EC Health Inequalities Communication

The European Commission published its communication 'Solidarity in Health: reducing health inequalities in the EU' on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. The document and press release are available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_determinants/socio\\_economics/cons\\_inequalities\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_determinants/socio_economics/cons_inequalities_en.htm)

### Family Work in Early Psychosis

A new training DVD has been released on 'Family Work in Early Psychosis'. It has over 10 hours of viewing and is available to purchase. For further information or to purchase contact Sam Farooq, The Meriden Family Programme, Telephone +44 (0)121 678 2896 Email: [sam.farooq@bsmhft.nhs.uk](mailto:sam.farooq@bsmhft.nhs.uk)

### Report from Stockholm conference now available

As you will be aware, the thematic Conference 'Mental health on Youth and Education', organised by European Commission and Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs under the auspices of the Swedish Presidency, recently took place in Stockholm on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September. EUFAMI was represented at the conference and Joy Ladurner, a member of the executive committee spoke on 'Parents and the early years – through the eyes of a child'. You can look at the reports and presentations from this conference at [http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_determinants/life\\_style/mental/ev\\_20090929\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_determinants/life_style/mental/ev_20090929_en.htm)

### Mental health first aid

The Mental Health First Aid Guidelines have been developed over 3.5 years by the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training and Research Program in Australia. Recently they have been launched on the world wide web. They contain information about how a member of the community can give initial help to someone who they think might be developing or experiencing a mental illness or a mental health crisis. To access the guidelines please see the "Guidelines" tab on the mental health first aid webpage ([www.mhfa.com.au](http://www.mhfa.com.au)) or follow this link: <http://www.mhfa.com.au/Guidelines.shtml>

### L'Express article nominated to represent France

An article published by Estelle Saget in the famous French magazine 'L'Express' about a psychoeducational program for families of persons with schizophrenia has been selected by a jury to represent France in a European competition of health journalists. The original article can be viewed at [http://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/societe/la-schizophrenie-expliquee-aux-parents\\_706001.html](http://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/societe/la-schizophrenie-expliquee-aux-parents_706001.html)

### Prospect – EUFAMI's Training Programme

*Prospect, EUFAMI's Training Initiative, is now being used in over 14 countries across Europe? Prospect is a very unique peer to peer programme and was developed by EUFAMI members from many countries. If you would like to get further information, contact Rita Geerts on [project.admin.office@eufami.org](mailto:project.admin.office@eufami.org).*



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