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Training Course and Apprenticeship Scheme

The European Reminiscence Network announces a new Training Course and Apprenticeship Scheme in Reminiscence Arts in Dementia Care - in partnership with the University of Greenwich

This 2-day training course and apprenticeship scheme will be of interest to arts practitioners, community arts workers, oral historians, occupational and arts therapists, group workers, reminiscence practitioners, staff from health and social care services who are interested and/or experienced in positive approaches to dementia care.

A. 2-day Training course in reminiscence arts in dementia care

You are invited to apply for a 2-day training course to be held at the University of Greenwich.

Venue: University of Greenwich Drama Building, Bathway, Woolwich, London SE18 6QX

Dates: Thursday 5th and Friday 6th June 2025

Time: 9:30 – 17:00 on both days. A light lunch will be served.

This experiential course will be led by highly experienced reminiscence arts practitioners and trainers, with input from volunteers and former carers. It will be certificated by the European Reminiscence Network.

B. 4-month apprenticeship scheme in reminiscence arts in dementia care

Up to eight places are available for trainees on the above course to join our apprenticeship scheme for people who wish to become accredited facilitators of reminiscence groups for people with dementia and their carers.

The apprenticeship scheme involves attending, observing and participating in at least 6 out of 10 weekly group sessions of the “Remembering Yesterday, Caring Today” (RYCT) project involving local people with dementia and their family carers. There are a further 2-3 sessions, which will be led by the apprentices working in small groups. The 10 weekly sessions will be held on Monday afternoons in Woolwich.

Those who wish to become European Reminiscence Network accredited facilitators will also be required to give evidence of their ability to observe and reflect on the project through a written response, or an audio or video diary capturing their experience of the project, reflecting on the content and impact of the sessions and how far they have met the needs of the participating families. Those successfully completing these requirements will receive accreditation as RYCT facilitators from the European Reminiscence Network. Further details are available on request.

The training and apprenticeship scheme is part of a 10-country partnership, sharing and developing the European Reminiscence Network's experience of running this highly successful 25-year project, (RYCT). See www.rememberingyesterdaycaringtoday.com and www.europeanremiscencenetwork.org

The cost of the 2-day training is £120, and for those joining the apprenticeship scheme, there will be a further £120 fee towards the support and evaluation provided by course leaders. There will be two bursaries available.

Please write to Pam Schweitzer at pam@pamschweitzer.com indicating your interest in the training course or your interest and availability for the training course and apprenticeship scheme together, enclosing a CV.

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