



# shen national conference

**“Work, Welfare and Homelessness”**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

at

**Quality Hotel, Perth**

Leonard St. Perth, PH2 8HE

**Speakers and workshop leaders include:**

Greg Chammings DWP  
 Natalie Branosky CESI  
 Stephen Boyle Futureskills Scotland (tbc)  
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 Scottish Executive  
 Fiona Tannock Learndirect  
 Careers Scotland

**Conference fees (includes refreshments and lunch):**

£77.00 members (for details see over)  
 £117.00 non-members  
 Service users: some free places are available if booked with a member. Details from shen@scsh.org.uk

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Employability has become an important focus of welfare policy over the last year. **Workforce Plus: an Employability Framework for Scotland**, the developing UK legislation on welfare reform, along with the Cities Strategy and the transfer of New Futures Fund projects to Community Planning Partnerships, will all impact on employability issues for those at risk of homelessness.

**shen** has been prominent in the development of Scotland's employability policy. Members made a wide range of contributions to the workstreams which developed the employability framework, and Workforce Plus acknowledges **shen**'s contribution to tackling homelessness through employability. This reflects the Homelessness Task Force's recognition that employment can offer an effective response to the challenge of homelessness.

**shen**'s second national conference will explore the impact that these policies may have on both those at risk of homelessness, and the services designed to meet their employability needs. The conference offers an overview of the current policies and proposals for welfare reform, highlighting the policy and practice issues for homelessness and employability. Our main aim is to understand how these policies can support those at risk of homelessness in finding a sustainable position in the labour market. Speakers will come from a range of institutions and organisations working in employment and labour market policy, and the workshops will encourage participants to think critically about the impact of welfare reform on their clients and service provision.

This **shen** conference will be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders working to find sustainable routes into the labour market, especially for those at risk of homelessness: local authority and voluntary sector homelessness services; employment, education, careers and training providers; economic development and policy officers responsible for developing strategic responses to homelessness and unemployment at national and local level; and employers who operate an inclusive employment policy.

Join us for an interesting and lively day working towards making employment a sustainable route out of homelessness.

### See you on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006!

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**Join now!** I wish to subscribe to the Scottish Homelessness and Employability Network at the following rate:

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