

SHINE CPD Group Report for the AGM May 2007

Membership of the group in 2006/07 has been Charlotte Boulnois (Convenor), Sandra Wilson, Gerry McLean, Gill Earl, Clare Thomson and Catriona Denoon.

During the last financial year the CPD group put on two large study days and a visit.

The visit was a highly successful one to the Scottish Parliament and its Information Service and included a tour of part of the Scottish Parliament building not normally seen by the general public as well as a chance to find out more about SPICE and its work

The first of the study days was in Edinburgh in December, and was run in partnership with the University of Paisley. The title of “Using your influence where it counts” allowed the day to cover a range of topics, which included how to get your boss to do what you want and tips on how to deal with aggressive behaviour within a management/negotiation setting.

The second study day was in Glasgow in February and was about marketing. The main speaker was Professor Alan Wilson from Strathclyde University’s School of Business. The afternoon speakers who ranged from award winning public librarians to a publicity officer helped put the advice from the morning talk into context.

The most recent study day was on the morning of the AGM, on the theme of personal and career development.

As always the CPD group is looking for new members. We try to hold three or four face-to-face meetings per year with the rest of the work being conducted via email and telephone. We’re a friendly group, whose main responsibilities are looking for input and suggestions from the SHINE membership, and organising appropriate study days. This might sound complicated, but it isn’t – and it is very rewarding. So come and join us!

If you don’t want to commit to being part of the CPD, how about putting forward a suggestion for a study day – or even a venue where we can hold meetings. All suggestions are welcome.

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