

An Invitation to the VRA & COTSS-Work AGM & Conference 2010



Workplace Disability Management & Vocational Rehabilitation

Wednesday 30th June & Thursday 1st July 2010
Jubilee Campus, Nottingham University

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This year the VRA and COTSS-Work have come together to offer a joint conference that promises to have something for those new to the VR field, and for those who have a wealth of experience. This two-day event offers training in the fundamentals of VR followed by an open symposium reviewing VR certification concepts. It also includes case studies from other countries and offers delegates the opportunity to debate how the UK should progress in this very topical issue with key leaders in the field.

VR ISSUES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS

PREPARING VR PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FUTURE

SYMPOSIUM ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR VR

This will provide the delegate the opportunity to listen to professionals with experience in setting up and implementing VR accreditation commissions alongside academic leaders providing under and post graduate educational course information.

Gail Kovacs, of KMG, well known to the UK VR community, will review the concepts of certification and professionalization of the field and will inform the group what certification covers. She will announce new initiatives in this area and will introduce a plan of action for the UK.

Chris MacDonnell of CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) will present on international programmes for developing accreditation. This should be an enlightening look at what UK VR might have in store over the next 5 – 10 years.

In addition a representative of Sheffield Hallam University will provide an overview of university programmes in VR both undergraduate and post graduate courses.

Following these papers, we have planned a robust discussion with delegates exchanging ideas about the way forward for VR professionals in respect to training and educational as well as professional validation.

Day 2's keynote speaker Lord David Freud will address the difficulties of balancing incentives and disincentives through the benefits system. In 2007 Lord David Freud was commissioned to examine the UK's Welfare to Work system, and his report, "Reducing Dependency, Increasing Opportunity", was published in March 2007. Between January 2008 and February 2009, he was an adviser on welfare reform to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and in February 2009, David Cameron nominated David as his Shadow Minister for Welfare Reform.

Even more workshops this year!

- A real-life review of one of Dame Carol Black's "Fit for Work" pilots
- Vocational Services for people with severe mental health problems.
- A review of the Perkins Report.
- Vocational services for clients with amputations.
- Ergonomics and vocational rehabilitation.
- Successful VR for clients with visual impairments.
- Workplace adjustments.
- Employers' duty of care for people with disabilities.
- Occupational health and VR working together

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- VR FUNDAMENTALS TRAINING SESSION
- A SYMPOSIUM ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN VR
- KEY NOTE SPEAKER: LORD DAVID FREUD
- 9 DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE
- DISCOUNTS FOR VRA MEMBERS, COTSS-WORK MEMBERS & VR STUDENTS
- DINNER & AUCTION ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY 30TH



The University of
Nottingham

A note about our sponsors!

We are fortunate this year to have a diverse and particularly relative group of sponsors. There will be ample opportunity for delegates to review the stands. Some sponsors will be providing short demonstrations of their products and how they will benefit the delegate.

June 30th Entertainment and Auction

Providing an excellent opportunity to network, we will be hosting a dinner on the evening of the 30th June. Our after dinner speaker, John Humphrey is MD of Nice Work Consulting Ltd, a company specialising in psychological interventions in the workplace. John has been training organisations on effective stress management for the past 20 years. John will be sharing, in a comedic manner, some solutions to stress in the workplace.



PROGRAMME

Day 1.

- 09.00 – 10.00: Registration and coffee
- 10.00: **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
- 10.10: **Fundamentals of VR**
- 11.30 – 11.45: Coffee break and Exhibit Visitation
- 11.45: **Fundamentals of VR (continued)**
- 12.30: Lunch and networking
- 13.45: **Symposium on VR Certification**
- 15.15 – 15.30: Coffee break
- 15.30: **Delegate and panel debate**
- 16.45 – 17.45: VRA AGM
- 18.30: Drinks Reception (*Lambach Saddle Seat Demonstration*)
- 19.30: Gala Dinner

Day 2.

- 7.30 – 09.00: Registration and coffee
- 08.00: COTSS – WORK AGM
- 09.00: **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
- 09.15: **Balancing incentives and disincentives through the benefits system**
- 10.15: Coffee break and Exhibit visitation
- 10.30: Third Sector Response – by CEO, RADAR
- 11.00: Private Sector Response – by Dr Olivia Carlton, Head of OH TfL/London Underground
- 11.30: Questions
- 12.00: Review of Symposium Session
- 12.15: **Lunch and Exhibit Visitation**
- 13.30: Breakout to Workshops
- 15.15 – 15.30: Coffee break and Exhibit Visitation
- 15.30: Breakout to Workshops (continued)
- 16.45: **Conclusions**



Registration

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We are now taking registrations for those who wish to attend both days of the conference, and to those who wish to attend on one day only.

Fees - Attend Both Days

Registration fees, which include lunch on both days and a place at our gala dinner on Wednesday night are as follows:

£150 for VRA, COTSS-Work members & VR Students.

£165 for CMSUK members.

£175 for non members

Campus Accommodation

All of the early bird free rooms have now been taken. On campus accommodation in the University Halls is available on the night of 30th June at an additional cost of £50 (including breakfast the following morning).

Fees - Attend Day 1

Registration fees which include lunch are as follows:

£100 for VRA, COTSS-Work members & VR Students.

£110 for CMSUK members.

£115 for non members.

Day 1 Attendees

For those attending on day 1 only, places are available at our gala dinner at an additional cost of £25. A place at our gala dinner plus on campus accommodation in the University Halls, (on the night of 30th June), is available at an additional cost of £75 (including breakfast the following morning).

Fees - Attend Day 2

Registration fees which include lunch are as follows:

£100 for VRA, COTSS-Work members & VR Students.

£110 for CMSUK members.

£115 for non members.

Note: VRA corporate members are eligible for 4 free places at the conference but this does not include accommodation which is available at a cost of £50.

To register your place please visit

www.vra-uk.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=12



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Free Student Places

The future of VR ultimately lies in the new practitioners who are about to enter the field. We are always looking for ways to encourage students to look at VR as their future career, and our conference is an important forum for promoting the profession to new entrants.

Following last year's successful pilot scheme, we are pleased to once again offer 10 FREE PLACES at the conference to 10 full time vocational rehabilitation students. And in addition we will provide each of these 10 students with £100 towards accommodation, travel and other expenses associated with attending the conference.

This is a great opportunity for students to find out what is happening in their field of choice, to meet practitioners and industry leaders, and to identify career options for the future.

If you are interested in applying for this Bursary, please request an application form from joy.reymond@vra-uk.org If you know someone who might qualify, please make sure you forward this to them!

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Jubilee Campus

FROM NOTTINGHAM

A number of public services run close to or through the Jubilee Campus.

BY BUS

There are a number of bus services running from Nottingham to Jubilee Campus. Please see the bus services page for further information.

BY TAXI

There are taxi ranks throughout the city and immediately adjacent to the main railway and bus stations. The journey to the campus takes approximately 15 minutes.

FROM EAST MIDLANDS TO AIRPORT

From East Midlands Airport you can take Trent Barton Indigo service, or the Nottingham City Transport's Skylink service. Buses leave from outside the Airport Arrivals hall.

You can also walk to the taxi rank on the terminal forecourt and take a direct taxi to the University. The cost of a single/one way journey is approximately £20. Taxis are normally available 24 hours.

FROM M1 MOTORWAY

Leave the M1 motorway at Junction 25 to join the A52 to Nottingham. After five miles turn left onto the A6514, Middleton Boulevard. Turn right at the next roundabout onto the A609 Wollaton Road. The main entrance to Jubilee Campus is clearly signposted on the right.

