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THE WHAN CONFERENCE 2009

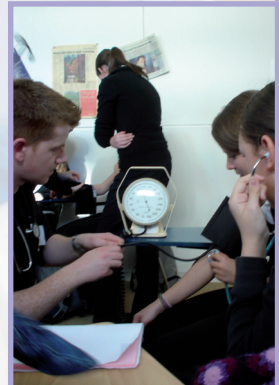
Discovery Point, Dundee, Friday 27th of March

Chaired by Professor Sir Graeme Catto,
President of the General Medical Council

Address to the Conference by
Shona Robison MSP, Minister for Public Health and Sport

Keynote speakers -

Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, Chancellor of the University of Glasgow
Dr Janet Lowe CBE, Chair of the Skills Committee, Scottish Funding Council



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WHAN – the Working in Health Access Network – followed on from its pilot in 2006 to develop collaborative awareness raising work – focussed on careers and study in healthcare and the health sciences – in four devolved areas across Scotland. The partners were 12 Universities, 13 Colleges and careers, certification and widening access agencies. Almost one hundred schools are involved with WHAN and its evaluation materials have been distributed to over 15,000 pupils.

WHAN has done what it said it would do: it has raised the interest and aspiration to study for a healthcare career in pupils from schools below the national average in terms of transition to higher and further education. Its evaluation work continues and will map this awareness raising to initial motivation and awareness, to Standard Grade and Higher exam passes and to University and College admissions.

How can we take the lessons learned from WHAN practice in the field and apply them to the continuing development of aspiration and skills?

This is the purpose of the WHAN Conference 2009. The keynote addresses will focus on the future we expect to see in building capacity, skills and evidence-led expertise in healthcare staffing. The challenge to the Conference is to discuss and debate how the lessons from WHAN can assist in attaining this future vision. Participants will be involved in considering the quickening pace of change we can now see affecting healthcare services, the healthcare workforce and the education, training and development of these professionals.

How can we ensure that tomorrow's pupils and students are aware of the opportunities and demands of the changes now occurring? How can we ensure that they can take the opportunities they offer and benefit both themselves and society in general through their enhanced competence, skills and professional commitment?

The **WHAN CONFERENCE 2009** is a conference about participation. To participate in the discussion and in the debate contact the WHAN office by any of the methods overleaf. There is a strict limit on the number of delegates attending.

The discussion will begin at 10 am on the 27th of March, 2009 at Discovery Point, Dundee. It will finish, formally, at 3pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Attendance is free in exchange for your positive contribution.

