

PREPARE/ENRICH NEWSLETTER – SEPT 2006

Highlights (see below for detail)

- **Calling Practitioners – Northern Workshop event - Nov 2006– BOOK IN NOW**
- **BASM Work book update**
- **Training in 2006**
- **Lee Abbey – 2006/7 – Marriage MOT couple weekends**

Calling Practitioners - Northern Workshop event

Following the Southern event in Southampton in May, there is an opportunity for practitioners in the North to get together with others using Prepare/Enrich inventories to enhance their skills and contribute to the development of Prepare/Enrich. The workshop in Southampton was well received, with a good balance of input and debate. This enabled attendees to discuss and explore a number of topics, namely:-

- mentoring
- working with cohabiting couples
- working with troubled marriages

The Northern workshop will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Sheffield (Hackenthorpe - easy access from M1) on Nov 25 2006. The event is free, recognising the work that you put in all year round in supporting couples, **so contact the office now to book direct or for details to be sent to you.**

BASM Work book update

The work on upgrading the **Building a Strong Marriage** workbook is now complete, and the result will be going to the printers this week. Thanks to those who made suggestions on improvements we could make. There were a number of suggestions for adding material, and as a result we've been able to incorporate a new section on Intimacy. The workbook does need to have a core content which works for most couples, so rather than lose the focus of the workbook, we're planning to add an area on the website to pick up additional exercises. The new format will be sent out with scorings later in the year.

Training in 2006

The first part of 2006 has been busy for training, with courses in Bracknell, Bacup, Sutton Coldfield, Southampton, Inverness Aberdeen, and Plymouth. Courses still to come are in Southampton (Sept 30), London (21 October), and Wimbledon (Oct 28) We can also set up bespoke training for groups of 4 or more. Let us know of interested people– **and we'll make the connections.**

Lee Abbey Marriage MOT weekends

Events for marrying and married couples are planned for Nov 3-5 2006, and May 11-13 2007. The format has proved very successful, and we are looking to extend coverage to other venues. **If you know of suitable places and contacts please let us know.**

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