

PRESS RELEASE

FEHW host the best ever Lived Experience Network (LEN) National Showcase Event

The Faculty was invited to host the 11th Showcase event on behalf of the Lived Experience Network (LEN) which is an international network of people with a shared interest in patient and public involvement in higher education. Its purpose is to enhance and improve student and practitioner education, patient and carer experience and associated research in health and social care.

The Showcase event took place on Thursday 30th June at the City Campus and attracted delegates from across the country including Universities from as far apart as Leeds and Bournemouth, practice partners and local decision makers.

The event was opened by Jools Symons, National Coordinator for the LEN who announced she was “delighted with the warm welcome they had received in Wolverhampton and was looking forward to the packed programme highlighting the exceptional contributions of service users and carers to the learning of students who will become tomorrow’s practice professionals”.

Professor Linda Lang, Dean of the Faculty of Education Health and Wellbeing gave the welcome address to delegates and emphasised the absolute need for service users and carers to be engaged as equals in the co- production of teaching and learning across the Faculty. The programme of presentations from the Faculty SUCCESS Group (service users and carers), academics, students and practice partners was designed to demonstrate our ground breaking work and showcase that we are at the forefront of these collaborations in research and students education.

Professor Lang went on to acknowledge the hard work put in to make the event so successful and in particular the outstanding contribution made by Rupy Pandaal, the Faculty Co-ordinator for Service User and Carer Engagement and Engagement Assistant Kirsty Wood, for organising this national conference. She added, “... the programme was wonderfully supported by our SUCCESS group and truly demonstrated that the Faculty is in the vanguard of service user and carer involvement in HE. I was proud to hear delegates commenting that this was an outstanding programme and the best ever LEN Showcase Event experience”.

Photographs to follow.

