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| **18th South West Public Health Development School*****Public Health – Making It Happen***Dartington Hall, Devon24-25 September 2014 |

Dear Colleague

We are writing to invite you to the 18th South West Public Health Development School, which will be taking place at Dartington Hall on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th September 2014. Further details can be found by visiting: [Development School 2014](http://www.swph-education.org.uk/events/show/public-health-residential-school-4/) and the booking form can be found at [Booking Form Development School 2014](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DEvELOPMENT_SCHOOL_2014)

The Development School is a unique opportunity for people working in a variety of fields relevant to public health to expand their public health horizons in the beautiful setting of Dartington Hall. More information about the venue is available from <http://www.dartingtonhall.com> .

The programme for this year’s school reflects our theme of maximising the new opportunities and working environments available now in public health. There will be a wealth of opportunities for new learning and the discussion of new ideas. As always, the school will help to develop both individual practice and strengthen us as a public health community.

This year we received many more proposals than could be accommodated within the programme. We have therefore had to make some hard selection decisions that has resulted in a fantastic range of very interesting workshops. Following the success of last year’s change to the usual programme, we are again including a plenary debate on Day 2. To draw the school to a close, this debate will focus on the increasingly key issue of working with the private sector. We will be looking specifically at the food industry and posing the question ***‘Food industry - public health friend or foe?’*** The debate will have input from representatives from the food industry and give everyone the chance to consider this topical dilemma.

There will be a range of social activities and fringe sessions over the two days. The evening entertainment on the Wednesday will be a little different this year, so please try to join us for the dinner if you can. The whole event provides a great opportunity to network with public health colleagues, old and new, from across the South West.

Very excitingly this year we are able to offer everyone the option of staying on site at Dartington Hall. Rooms are now available within the student residential buildings to the side of the Hall for our delegates. This accommodation provides basic student rooms within a shared block, with breakfast to be taken in the White Hart Restaurant and free parking for just £50 per person. Please request a room at Dartington on the booking form [Booking Form Development School 2014](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DEvELOPMENT_SCHOOL_2014) and we will send you further details. All details are found at [Development School 2014](http://www.swph-education.org.uk/events/show/public-health-residential-school-4/)

We hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

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