

DENTAL NURSE GOES TO DOWNING STREET



Apprentice dental nurse Courtney Morgan-Jones attended 10 Downing Street in March for a reception to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week.

Courtney attended with Mustafa Mohammad, Managing Director of Genix Healthcare, owner of Sparkle Dental Labs and Chair for the Trailblazers programme in dental health. Mustafa has been a key figure in helping to promote apprenticeships in dentistry and Courtney, 17, is one of his protégées.

The pair met Chancellor George Osborne MP and Mustafa was congratulated on his ongoing commitment to apprenticeships and British jobs.

Courtney said: 'I had a sort of nervous and excited feeling beforehand, but it was fantastic.'

Mustafa heads up Trailblazers, a group of national associations, employers and educational institutions working to improve the quality of apprenticeships. To find out more or to get involved, email mustafa@genixhealthcare.com.



UK DENTAL TECHNICIAN ENTHRALLED IN SEATTLE

Dental laboratory manager Richard Elliott is the first UK dental technician to train at the world-famous Kois Centre in Seattle.

Richard Elliott of Queensway Dental Clinic in Billingham attended the internationally-renowned Kois Centre in Seattle for a five-day treatment planning and inclusion course.

Richard said: 'My first experience of the Kois Centre was incredible; I found the whole experience utterly enthralling. It's a state-of-the-art facility. What I learnt throughout my five days was

invaluable. It has provided me with a better understanding of clinical management, which I am applying to my everyday role.'

The Kois Centre in Seattle offers a comprehensive nine-course curriculum and relies on up-to-the-minute evidence-based research. Delegates attend the course alongside dentists from around the world.

Richard and partners from Queensway Dental Clinic will be going back to Seattle to complete further stages of the curriculum later this year.

PICK UP A PODCAST

The British Dental Association (BDA) has produced a series of short podcasts called 'In 10'. The podcasts combine a news angle with some of the advice and services the BDA offers to members and feature interviews with BDA experts and officers.

The hot topics covered so far include tooth whitening, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the NHS pilots and most recently, dental care professionals (DCPs).

In the DCP podcast, Judith Husband talks

about the General Dental Council's (GDC's) ruling on direct access and the BDA's reaction to it then Ulrike Matthesius covers the practical impact direct access has on the profession. BDA legal advisor James Goldman discusses how the BDA can support members on employment and legal issues and Ulrike also highlights the BDA's resources for DCPs, including training courses and CPD.

The podcasts can be accessed at www.bda.org/news-centre/podcasts/in-ten/ (some require a BDA member log-in).

CORE CPD AND STUDY DAYS

Booking has opened for a five-hour core continuing professional development (CPD) session for dental care professionals (DCPs) taking place on Saturday 29 November 2014 in Worthing, West Sussex.

The session will cover legal and ethical issues; radiography; and child protection levels 1 and 2. The speakers will be Nick Torlot, Matt Fynn and Sue Ward.

To enquire about availability or to book email info@cpd4dentalhygienists.co.uk or info@cpd4dentalnurses.co.uk.

The British Association of Dental Nurses

(BADN) is also planning a series of study days with verifiable CPD. The first will be held on Saturday 7 June 2014 at the New Cavendish Club, London.

The Joint Regional Study Day for dental nurses living and working in the London and the South East and South Central Regions will include presentations on needlestick injury, oral cancer – from both the practitioner and patient perspectives – and smoking cessation. Speakers are Dawn Piper of Initial Medical, Elaine Tilling of TePe and Christine Piff of Let's Face It.

The Practice Managers' and Receptionists' Study Day will feature Employment Law and CQC Compliance

from Clive Oliver of Peninsula and Sylvie Sturrock respectively.

Both Study Days will start at 9.30 am, with registration at 9 am, are open to both BADN member and non-member dental nurses, with a discounted fee of £15 for BADN members, and offer 4.5 hours' verifiable CPD. Both will be opened by BADN President Fiona Ellwood.

For more information and a link to the online event registration, go to www.badn.org.uk/conference.

A third Study Day for those involved in the education of dental nurses will be held at the Comet Centre, Luton & Dunstable Hospital on 19 July – details will be available shortly.