

Before telling you any campaign news...

Don't forget....

CELEBRATE WITH US OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY ON THE 19TH OF OCTOBER

We are reaching the end of our first very successful year, and we feel that it is a good time to celebrate the achievement, to look forward to the future and to thank all those who have helped make our work possible. And what better way to do this than to hold a party!

Date: Sunday, 19th October 2008
Time: 12 noon to 3 p.m.
Venue: Bridewell Hall, St. Bride Foundation
Bride Lane, Fleet Street, London EC4Y 8EQ
(for directions see www.stbridefoundation.org)

There will be lunch, wine, and a few short speeches about the progress of the "Homeopathy Worked for Me" campaign and our other work to defend choice in medicine. There will also be music, a raffle, and lots of opportunity to chat to the H:MC21 trustees and over 200 homeopaths, patients of homeopathy, and representatives of homeopathic and other organisations.

Tickets: £12 per person; children under two are free.

To book your ticket please email info@hmc21.org or phone William on 01366-500799 or Uschi on 01234-241133.

The St. Bride Foundation is in walking distance from tube and trains. If you have never been to this part of London: allow enough time for a walk along the Thames, or to visit nearby St. Paul's Cathedral or the Tate Modern.

NEWS

Signatures

We have now collected just over 20,000 signatures and new ones keep coming in every day. The process, though, is much slower than we (and probably you) had hoped when we started this campaign. The homeopathic community consists of over 2,500 people working on their own, often in great isolation, all across Britain. To reach, to inform and to motivate them is more difficult than we expected but far more important to us than fast success of the campaign. And because we are not professional campaigners, we are learning by doing, learning from our mistakes, from the feedback of so many of you. Thank you for your support!

And don't forget: Get five signatures per week!!! (but we do accept less.....)

There is a link at the bottom of this email which enables you to forward this

newsletter to a friend.

You can also download paper signature lists from our website

<http://www.homeopathyworkedforme.org/#/campaignresources/4528255439>

Email us at www.trustees@homeopathyworkedforme.org if you have problems with printing these forms.

Letters to Primary Care Trusts

Thanks a lot to those of you who have already sent a letter to their PCTs based on the one in our resource pack (see

<http://www.homeopathyworkedforme.org/#/campaignresources/4528255439>)

and have also forwarded to us the replies they received. There are still a lot of Trusts we have not heard from but the tenor of the majority of replies so far is: "We only refer patients to / are willing to pay for treatments that are evidence-based. There is no or no adequate evidence for homeopathy."

Well, we know and you know that there is loads of evidence. And what is more, we also know that most conventional treatments are not evidence based. Apart from the information you can find on our website, have a look at this latest blog from Dr. Brian Kaplan: <http://drkaplanarticles.blogspot.com:80/>

Please do send that letter to your PCTs now and send us a copy of the reply! We are building an evidence-based(!) database of the inadequate knowledge about homeopathy within the NHS. The purpose is not to blame but to put right.

"Homeopathy Actually" Tea Parties

The first, successful "Homeopathy Actually" tea party took place on the 23rd of August in the tiny village of Filgrave near Milton Keynes. Some thirty-five patients of homeopathy, of all ages, together with a few local homeopaths and representatives from H:MC21 gathered in the garden of The Old Farmhouse to drink tea, eat delicious cakes baked by homeopaths and patients, listen to a short talk about the campaign and enjoy being in the company of like-minded people. As one patient said: "It is so good to know that I am not alone". The party also raised money towards the campaign.

Parties will continue to take place for as long as the campaign goes on. If you would like to organise a party and need support, email us at trustees@homeopathyworkedforme.org

Party in Scotland

It looks as if we do nothing but partying.... Well, yes, it is a great way of getting people to come together in a relaxed atmosphere, a good way to "network" and

always good to boost motivation. So, the next party we are planning will be in Scotland in March 2009. If you live in Scotland and have any suggestions regarding venue and entertainment, please email us at trustees@homeopathyworkedforme.org

March

Several people have asked us about the march we originally planned for June and then for October this year. That's because the team of H:MC21 consists of optimists; maybe we are a little over the top but if you don't aim high, you ain't going to get anywhere! Yet we can only march if enough of you support us. 20,000 is pretty good, but not good enough yet. So keep sending those signatures and keep spreading the word. Thank you!

That's it for today. Thanks for your time and your support!