

Summer greetings from the Enlighten Team!

Enlighten is organising a series of refreshing activities of its clients for the Summer months. Here are some of the developments of the last quarter:

Support Services

In order to better serve the people with epilepsy and their carers living in the New Territories region, Enlighten started up a new project cooperated with Paediatrics Department of **Prince of Wales Hospital** at the end of May 2004. Services include providing on-the-spot answers to questions, counseling, education, etc. to the patients and



support to carers, community resources, families during their follow up at the OPD. These 2 months, we have already got in touch with around 40



families having children with epilepsy. One of the noted characteristics of these families is that some of them are resident in China and they are the group who are most in need of education in epilepsy. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all the doctors and nurse team at the Department of Pediatrics (OPD) of PWH.

Images: Waiting room of Prince of Wales Paediatrics Neurological Department.

Raising Awareness and Training

The Training Department continues to dispel existing myths about epilepsy and other inaccurate beliefs about epilepsy and strive to foster better understanding and acceptance of epilepsy through training.

We have delivered epilepsy awareness and first aid training to almost 200 people in the last 3 months. People that attended the training came from various organisations such as Hong Chi Association, Po Leung Kuk, Prince of Wales Hospital, YMCA and schools. They include teachers, nurses, social workers, programme workers, carers, domestic helpers and parents.

The Training Department also works with the Social Service Department in the hospital outreach project to offer question and answering sessions at Queen Mary Hospital, Duchess of Kent Hospital and Price of Wales Hospital.

Image: First Aid for Epilepsy Poster that has been distributed to all Hong Kong Schools, Hospitals and Day Activity Centres.



Did you know that...

Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727), mathematician and physicist had epilepsy? His accomplishments in mathematics, optics, and physics laid the foundations for modern science and revolutionized the world.



Joan of Arc (1412-1431) was also believed to have epilepsy? She commanded an army, which drove the English out of France.