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At home... The Steering Group

- ✓ Met here at Rednal in January, March, June & September
- ✓ Deciding our strategy & activity for the year
- ✓ Financial budgeting, planning & auditing
- ✓ Publicity and Social Media activity

At home... The Steering Group

- ✓ Handbook: editing and revision
- ✓ Conference planning & administration
- ✓ Evaluating the past...reviewing the present...planning for the future.

Out and About...

- Conferences: NASUWT, Bournemouth; PCS, Brighton; UNISON, Liverpool; Hazards, Keele University.
- Speaking / training engagements: UCATT, Derby; UNISON, Coventry and Preston branches; Royal College of Nursing, Leeds; Hazards Conference, Keele; CWU, Shrewsbury...

The Stress Handbook

- ✓ Planning began in January for the new edition
- ✓ Editorial Sub-group, working with Steering Group, Hazards Campaign and Scottish Hazards colleagues
- ✓ Revising text to take account of political, legal and other changes
- ✓Improving readibility and style, based on feedback received

The Stress Handbook

- ✓ Six drafts later.....!
- ✓ Seeking sponsors and supporters (see "Forging Links")
- ✓ Liaison with design & print teams to ensure a highimpact end product

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- ✓ Still high on the list for Google search on "work stress"...however, ominously, we have been overtaken by some "self help" sites
- √ 46, 815 visitors in first 8 months of 2013
- ✓ Popular pages: "What is stress?"; "Stress and the Law"; "Victorian Values" presentation from 2012 Conference.

The Main Event... Conference

- The Stress Network held another successful annual conference, entitled "HARD TIMES, GREAT EXPECTATIONS and VICTORIAN VALUES" over the weekend of 24th November 2012.
- ➤ We welcomed over 80 delegates and contributors; full plenary sessions and workshop periods enabled delegates to discuss, debate and examine a range of topics.

Forging Links 1: Major Sponsors

- **❖**ATL
- **♦ GMB**
- Hazards Campaign
- ❖Irwin Mitchell Solicitors
- **❖**NASUWT
- **❖**PCS
- **❖**POA
- ❖Scottish Hazards Campaign
- **❖**UCATT

Forging Links 2: Friends of the Stress Network

- ❖GMB Glasgow General Apex Branch
- ❖PCS British Council Branch
- ❖UNISON Camden & Islington Community Health Branch
- ❖UNISON Camden Local Government Branch
- **❖**UNISON Enfield Branch
- **❖**UNISON Glasgow Housing Branch
- ❖UNISON NWLH Branch 3928 (Northwick Park & St. Marks)

Finally If you would like to be part of this work, we'd love to hear from you..... Have a good Conference!