

Early Childhood Forum Conference 2009: Working in partnership

Tuesday, 10 March 2009
Birmingham Hippodrome

Working in partnership is the Early Childhood Forum's (ECF) sixth national conference and will mark the culmination of its third annual campaign.

This is the must attend event of the year for practitioners, managers and policy makers with a professional interest in the development of partnership working within the early years and wider children's sector.

This informative conference will explore current policy and practice issues in relation to partnership working whilst promoting good practice. Keynotes will centre around the impact of the Child Health Strategy and integrated working from the perspective of a Director of Children's Services. Workshops will consider partnership working between different partners and at different levels. They will offer information and practical suggestions on ways of developing effective partnership working using real case studies.

The ECF publication entitled 'Working in partnership' will also be launched at this event.

Programme

9.30	Registration
10.00	Introduction by Chair
10:15	Welcome from ECF Chair <i>Melian Mansfield</i>
10:30	Working in partnership - the impact of the Child Health Strategy for early years <i>Kate Billingham, Project Director - Family Nurse Partnership and Child Health Promotion Programme, Department of Health</i>
11:15	Refreshments
11:30	First workshop
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Second workshop
14:30	Developing integrated children's services - challenges and successes <i>Local Authority Director of Children's Services</i>
15:30	Final thoughts
15:30	Close

Speakers

Kate Billingham,
Project Director - Family Nurse
Partnership and Child Health
Promotion Programme, Department
of Health

TBC,
Local Authority Director of
Children's Services

Chair

Anne Nelson,
Chief Executive, Early Education

Content

A comprehensive programme of expert speakers and workshops will enable delegates to:

- Learn from good practice in relation to partnership working
- Explore ECF's vision for partnership within high quality integrated early years and children's services
- Celebrate ECF's third annual campaign through the launch of the ECF publication *Working in Partnership*
- Discuss current issues relating to partnership working and the barriers related to integration
- Gain actionable insights from sector leaders

Workshops

These are information workshops for delegates working with or for young children. Topics will include:

- Partnership across a setting and the community
- Partnership between practitioners and parents – the Northern Ireland experience
- Multi-agency partnerships at local authority level
- Overcoming barriers to partnership
- Partnership across birth-19 agenda

Who should attend?

This conference will be of interest to:

- Early childhood practitioners from the maintained, private, independent and voluntary sectors
- Childminders
- Primary schools
- Children's services managers
- Health services managers
- Sure Start Children's Centres
- Early years organisations
- Local authority early years officers and advisors
- Policy makers
- Parents

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