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New funding for Lambeth's play areas

Lambeth has been successful in its bid to become one of the ten Wave 2 Play Pathfinder authorities in the country, following the submission of an application to the DCSF Play Pathfinder programme in November. This was announced by Ed Balls, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, on the 10 December and is linked to the launch of the National Play Strategy.

The children and young people in Lambeth will benefit from over £2.5 million to develop Max Roach Play Park, refurbish 28 play areas across Lambeth and for programmes focused on inclusion and workforce development.

The project at Max Roach will provide a new type of play provision in the borough, integrating the adventure playground into the wider park. The programme focuses on natural and active play for young people aged 8 to 13.

This new funding provides a unique opportunity to move forward the implementation of the Play Strategy and to make a significant improvement to the play opportunities for children and young people in the borough.



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Hurley pre-school welcomed **BBC Children in Need**

Hurley pre-school in Kennington receives a grant from BBC Children In Need that goes towards the salary of the special needs worker Favour Ogoh. They were visited by Tess Daly who co-hosted the BBC Children in Need show in Nov 2008 with Terry Wogan and Ferne Cotton.

Tess came to see what the grant does in the pre-school and have photographs taken for publicity for the Children in Need Charity.

Tess was very friendly and took part in story reading, dancing, singing and painting with the children. She had some lunch with the parents and chatted to them about their experiences and their children.

Hurley pre-school is a voluntary community group which provides affordable, flexible childcare all year round. The group is very grateful to Children in Need for the grant which helps with funding. The grant from Children in Need has been great to help continue the good work which has been done helping families in Kennington.

Tess and the other people who came from Children in Need were impressed with the pre-school and were very grateful for Hurley

pre-school's hospitality. Hurley was given 3 tickets to be in the audience at the BBC on the Children in Need night. The 3 staff that went had a great time seeing lots of celebrities and stars.

**Hurley pre-school,
Hurley House,
Kempsford Road,
Kennington, SE11 4PB
Tel 020 7582 1838**



Young **Lambeth...**

The new, improved Children and Young People's Service Directory (Young Lambeth) is already available at www.younglambeth.org

It provides a one stop source of information on local services, organisations, activities and events for children, young people and families, and those who work with them. The Young Lambeth website is now greatly improved and we have also increased the number of listed organisations from 350 to 1200.

The website has four user friendly zones for children, young people, parents/carers and practitioners. It also has other useful links to websites for young people

including G2K - Looked After Children's website, Youth Council and the Holiday Activities Programme website.

To see how this new resource can be of use to you in your role and check if your service is listed with accurate and complete information, log onto www.younglambeth.org

You can also contact the Young Lambeth Project Team to give us your feedback via the website. For details of how to access and update your information on line, contact Rene Katiisa or Joel Okae on 020 7926 8160 or 020 7926 8912.

Professional Development for Childminders **Celebrating Success**

Four childminders at the Stockwell Primary School Children's Centre have completed an Open University Short Course in Understanding Children. The childminders have achieved 10 academic points which can be used towards other qualifications.

On Friday 5th Dec 2008, a celebration was held at the Stockwell Primary School Children's Centre for the Childminders. They were presented with their certificates and commended for their hard work.

The celebration began with a series of short speeches given by the following:

Hopieann Platt	Family Services Manager and Extended Day Co-ordinator, Stockwell Primary School Children's Centre
Vanessa Cottrell	Training Administrator (Learning and Development Team), International House
Camea McCutcheon	Child Care Development Officer, International House
Denise Bates	Assistant Director, Widening Participation (Open University)
Trica Waller	Student Ambassador for Open University
Cheryl Lim	Widening Participation Project Support Officer (Open University)



Hopieann Platt
**Family Services Manager &
Extended Day Co-ordinator**
Stockwell Primary School
Children's Centre
Tel: 07920 455 027



Congratulations to
Margaret Aidoo,
Jan-Marie Wiltshire,
Jennifer Howell and
Leonora Vidal who
have successfully
completed this
course.

We would like to
thank all those
who came to
support the
childminders
including parents,
family members, fellow
childminders and staff from the Stockwell
Primary School Children's Centre.



Albert Carr Estate, Streatham SW16

New play area funded by the BIG Lottery in conjunction with the Play and Sports Unit - CYPS

The work on the new play area in Albert Carr Estate is progressing with much vigor.

The play area will serve the children and young people of the estate in a variety of ways.

There will be places to play hide and seek, play games, swing and even play outdoor table tennis. There will be parts of the playground where children can test their skills and take challenges to strengthen their abilities. There will also be places for parents and guardians to sit and enjoy the new planting of interesting types of bushes and flowers.

Once the full playground has been built there will also be subtle changes made over two years whereby children can change and remodel some of the special attributes of the play area.

The playground is due to be finished in late February 2009



For more information contact Peter McNally Operations Manager Children's Play - 020 7926 9949

New Lambeth Sing and Sign pilot

Sing and Sign was a popular new pilot project run at Brixton Children's Centre and combined Stay and Play with the specialist skills of a speech and language therapist on board.

The pilot started on Tuesday 18 November and ran until the 9 December 2008.

The aim was to create a really accessible service for children with two plus languages spoken at home or where their family has any concerns about their child/ren's speech development. Usually to see a Sa LT a child needs a referral so this provided an informal opportunity for children to meet a specialist

professional. There were activities such as circle time, singing and storytelling which Joy signed to as well as additional Stay and Play activities and opportunities for outdoor play and fresh fruit to share. Play and develop speech and language skills at the same time

Each week was themed around a different story such as Dear Zoo and Five little monkeys bouncing on the bed.

There was a senior play leader, play worker and a speech and language therapist on hand to answer any questions each week.

The final session ended with a goody bag for each child with lots of educational toys, bubble blowers, colouring book and a squeaky toy.



The pilot was a success, each session was full and the project will now be continued at later date....

**If you would like more information on the project, please contact:
Brixton Children's Centre – 020 7587 0914**

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Joined up working between **Children's Centres** and **One O'clock Clubs**

Lambeth's One O'clock Clubs provide open access Stay and Play sessions for parents and carers with children under 5. Located in parks they provide unique play spaces for indoor and outdoor play opportunities run by a committed team of play leaders.

Over the past year the clubs have been developing links with their local Children's Centre, so that families can benefit from the services at a wider range of locations across the borough. Many parents who attend the One O'clock Clubs have heard

about their nearest Children's Centre from the staff in the clubs. It makes perfect sense to develop these working partnerships and is helping families receive the support they need.

27 Children's Centres across the borough now offer a range of services for children under 5 and their families including childcare, family support, health and advice and support about employment and training.

In addition to their work at Children's Centres Speech and

Language Therapists, Family Action support workers and Early Years Literacy Development Workers visit the One O'clock Clubs as part of their outreach work meeting new parents and carers to offer advice and support.

Any parent visiting a One O'clock Club will now be told about the nearest centre by the staff and be able to find out what is available to them.

**For more information contact:
Families' Information Service
(FIS) on 0845 601 5317**

Childrens Centre Outreach Workers

Partnership working between the Children's Centre and the One O'clock Club is now strengthened by Children's Centre Outreach Workers. Each Children's Centre has an Outreach Worker who makes links with the local community and brings parents into the centre.

An outreach service raises the awareness in the community as a whole about the range of services on offer and for those families who choose not to or cannot go to the centre outreach provides important information and access to services through home visiting, thereby reducing the risk of exclusion and isolation.

Outreach worker Nadine Bennett is based at Clapham Manor Children Centre Belmont Road SW4, not far from the Clapham Common One O'clock Club.

Nadine meets parents in the community at many different venues including the One O'clock Club and has established a good working relationship with Pat Collins and Mariam Hosain who run the stay and play sessions at the One O'clock Club Mon to Thurs 1 – 4pm.

Recently Nadine has used the club as an outreach venue to recruit parents onto a first aid awareness

session run at the Children Centre. After Nadine's outreach visit Pat and Mariam continued the outreach work by recruiting further parents onto the course.

On Thursday 29 Jan Clapham Manor Children's Centre held an open day for parents and carers to find out more about their services. Pat and Mariam from the club were at the event promoting the Stay and Play sessions. They were joined by practitioners from a number of other services including Family Action, Contact a Family and the Early Years Literacy Development service.

The centre provided refreshments and various activities including arts and crafts, face painting, storytelling, and tours of the centre. The reception area was a busy friendly area to meet parents, enjoy food and socialise. Parents signed up for courses and found out all about the activities.

Pat and Mariam invited parents who visit the One O'clock Club but have never been to the Children's Centre before. The parents were pleased to see a familiar face when they arrived and Nadine could then introduce herself and explain what was on offer for them at the centre.



Hot Top Tips Hot Top Tips Hot Top Tips

Hot Top Tips on how to strengthen links with your nearest **Children Centre**



Pat Collins, Mariam Hosain and Nadine Bennett at the Clapham Manor Children's Centre open day 29 Jan 2009



Pat and Mariam chatting with a parent about the One O'clock Club at the centre open day

1. Contact your nearest Children's Centre and invite their outreach worker to meet parents and carers at your setting.
2. Arrange for the outreach worker to come to your staff meeting.
3. Include information about your nearest Children's Centre in your newsletter for parents.
4. Make a specific area in your setting for parents to access information about Children's Centre services.
5. Distribute the name and contact details of the Children's Centre outreach worker to your parents and staff.
6. Check if parents know about the Children's Centre when they start using your setting.

Clapham Manor Children's Centre

**16 Belmont Close,
Clapham SW4 6AT**

nbennett@claphammanor.lambeth.sch.uk

Tel 020 7627 9917

Clapham Common One O'clock Club

Windmill Drive

Clapham SW4

Pat Collins or Mariam Hosain

Tel 020 8673 5736



Being Me...

What's It All About?

Where to start? For those of you, who do not know of our existence, let me introduce ourselves. My name is Alison Reynolds and I work as part of Lambeth's Inclusion Outreach Team. My co-worker is Jackie McDonald who is employed as a Home Support Officer. Both Jackie and I travel throughout the borough meeting families and children who need that extra bit of support.

It was through our outreach work that we came to realise that there are many children in Lambeth with additional needs who are not accessing any pre-school provision. From this realisation came the formation of the 'Being Me' inclusive playgroup which is now supported and managed by Lambeth's Early Years Alliance (a team of dedicated employees who support children with special educational needs or disabilities).

Who knows about us? We work in partnership with parents / carers and all those who may be involved in the care and development of children. We will work alongside parents / carers and other professionals to provide a service which is planned to meet the needs of all children. In reality, this means that the group operates just as any other playgroup, offering children play activities and experiences that they may not have had before.

The difference with 'Being Me' is that sessions are often supported by healthcare professionals. So far, we have been visited by Physiotherapists, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and others supporting the visually impaired. This provides healthcare professionals with the opportunity to observe children in an environment that is anything but clinical.

What is it that we provide? Our main attraction is the multi-sensory room. In here children visit a 'magical world' of coloured lights, tranquil music, bubble tubes and much more. As we have discovered, the sensory room is also a favourite with parents and carers, who are able to relax and enjoy the environment with their children.

Both Jackie and I also appreciate the calm, relaxing and enjoyable play opportunities that the sensory room allows us to deliver. Sometimes perhaps, we find it a little too relaxing and we are reluctant to rejoin the 'outside world', but all too soon another activity beckons.

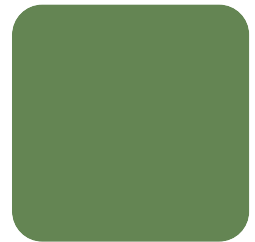
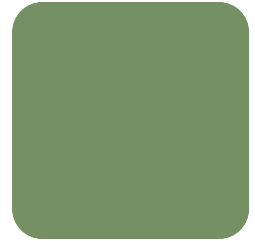
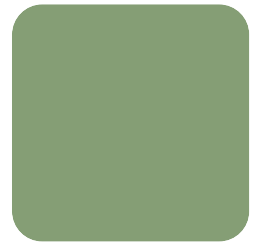


Where can we be found? The group is based at the Brockwell Park One o'clock Club. It operates every Wednesday morning (term-time only) from 10am - 12pm. The session is accessed by pre-school children with complex needs. The children and their families are referred to the service by either childcare or healthcare professionals. At present, most of our children are aged between 12 – 24 months, but it is our aim to be as flexible as possible and to offer a preschool play facility to a wider age range should this be required.

How are we doing so far? The group, in its current form, has been running for only a couple of months. In this time we have already met some very special children. We have our 'smiler' who beams the most incredible smile at us from the moment that he arrives. For those of you who like Winnie the Pooh, we have our bouncer who is just like Tigger, full of energy and with an endless ability to 'spring' to her feet.

Our most relaxed child has to be our 'sleeper' he has the uncanny ability to nod off to sleep within an instance, and there's no waking him until he's ready. We have met parents and carers and other professionals determined to provide opportunities for their children to reach their full potential and who see the importance of play. They, like us, want to provide a safe, friendly and fun environment in which all children can develop.

What about the fun? Jackie has some amazing ideas, and on a number of occasions the adults have had as much fun as the children when taking part in activities. There's no escape for adults, what the children try, we try. One thing we do have in common, however, was a smile as we watched the expression on the faces of bemused children. One particular activity which caused eyebrows to rise was a bowl of multi-coloured spaghetti. These are experiences to be remembered, and indeed, according to some ambitious parents / carers, are also experiences to be repeated at home.



Want to know more?

For an update or further information please contact

**Alison Reynolds on 07908 108 298
or Jackie McDonald on 0750 668 1936**

**WHAT
NEXT**

It's time to wish you
all a very Happy
New Year.



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What about Christmas?

All the children were invited to meet a very special person at the Mary Sheridan Centre on the 17 December. I'm not sure how many of our children realised that the man in red was due to arrive a few days early especially for them. However the day was a great success with the usual indulgence of food and fun which accompanies any Christmas party. There were no tears when Santa appeared in his Grotto, a delightfully created extravaganza of tinsel, lights, shiny silver paper and a gazebo. The children collected their presents and finally parents, carers, staff and children sang to Santa as he made his way home to the North Pole.

Well done and thank you to all of those at the Mary Sheridan Centre who made the day special.

Want to know more? For an update or further information please contact

Alison Reynolds on 07908 108 298 or Jackie McDonald on 07506 6819 36.

Every Lambeth Child a Talker

It is every child's right to be able to communicate effectively

Every Child a Talker (ELCAT) is a £40 million government funded initiative designed to improve the skills and expertise of the early years workforce in early language.

Lambeth is in the first wave of this exciting two year project. Intensive training has begun in 20 early years settings across the borough.

Lambeth Children & Young People's Service - Community Children and Lambeth Primary Care Trust speech and language therapists are working in partnership. They are working to plan, deliver and embed **Every Lambeth Child a Talker** (ELCAT).

Every Lambeth Child a Talker will:

- Improve children's early language development, initially for children in targeted settings but eventually across the whole of Lambeth
- Establish early language lead practitioners in 20 targeted settings offering expertise and support to other practitioners in their own and linked settings, and to parents to develop their skills in the development of early language
- Increase practitioner knowledge and understanding of children's early language development and how to support it
- Increase parental understanding of and involvement in their children's language development by creating stronger home learning environments
- Embed ELCAT into speech and language therapy services in Lambeth Primary Care Trust
- Develop free materials and an ELCAT website page for parents and early years practitioners



"An excellent project to help the children of Lambeth to achieve their potential in life".
Stella Clarke, Assistant Director, Community Children's Service, London Borough of Lambeth.

"The ELCAT project is an excellent opportunity for joint working across Lambeth".
Ying Butt, Assistant Director, Children, Young People and SE Locality, Lambeth PCT.

"I am very excited about the ELCAT project and the opportunities it offers providers in Lambeth".
Phyllis Dunipace, Executive Director, Children and Young People's Service, London Borough of Lambeth.

The following twenty settings are involved in the first phase of this project:

South East Locality

Lilford Daycare
 2nd Step
 Rosendale Children's Centre
 Jessop Children's Centre
 Rainbow Pre-School
 Happy Nursery Days
 Stockwell Park Early Years
 Crownlane Children's Centre

North Locality

St Stephen's Children's Centre
 Hurley Pre-School
 The Pelican Nursery School
 Vauxhall Christian Centre Pre-School
 Herbert Morrison Primary School
 CLUFO

South West Locality

Sunnyhill Primary School and Children's Centre
 Immanuel & St Andrews C of E Primary School
 Lewin Pre-School
 Cavendish Lodge
 Sophie Centre
 Clapham Manor Children's Centre



ELCAT is bringing a wealth of benefits to these settings. These will include access to free training and support from speech and language therapists. Settings will also receive funding for resources and access to backfill for staff involved. Staff will have opportunities to work with parents and develop their skills. In addition to all of this, practitioners are given opportunities for regular networking and practice sharing with colleagues.

In the second phase of the project the 20 settings will link with other early years settings to cascade their learning and share best practice.

If you are interested in linking into this training and gaining the many benefits, please contact us

Naomi Musolino (Early Language Consultant for Lambeth) on 020 3049 6348 or Sharon Synmoie (Strategic Lead for ELCAT) on 020 7926 9658.

We look forward to bringing ELCAT into the homes and early years settings of Lambeth!

Training courses for Lambeth practitioners ...your views

In order to improve the training service we offer, we asked for your views about the continuing professional development (CPD) programme run by Community Children's Service for Lambeth early years and play practitioners. Questionnaires were sent by post and/or emailed to all Lambeth providers last term. There was also a consultation activity at the Workforce Forum in November 2008.

52 questionnaires were returned by the closing date and entered into the prize draw.

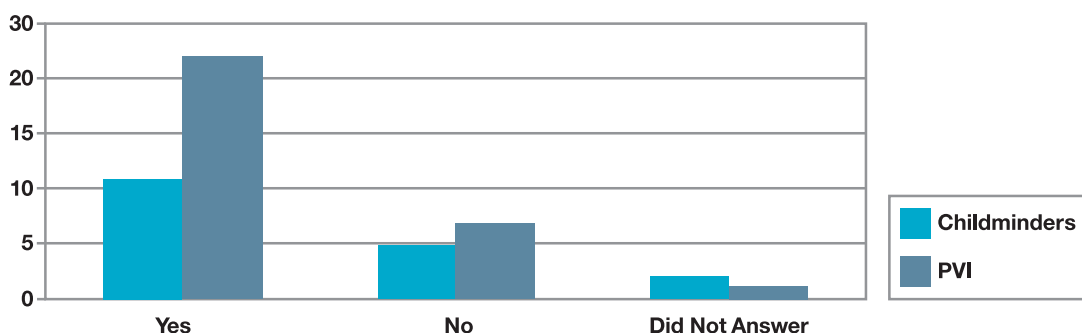
About you

- Q1.** The 52 taking part included 18 childminders, 26 managers and 8 other early years practitioners.
- Q2.** Of those working in a PVI group setting, 15 were in a private setting, 10 were in a voluntary setting and one was in an independent setting.

Current CPD programme

- Q3.** 33% of the childminders and 42% of the other practitioners had attended a Lambeth CPD course that term.
- Q4.** The most popular courses were Paediatric First Aid (PFA), Safeguarding, Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Food Hygiene.
- Q5.** Everyone had received a course confirmation by email, post or both.
- Q6.** 84% were happy with the course organisation. The main dislikes were "not enough tables and chairs", "stuffy room".
- Q7.** 100% were happy with the course content, including praise for our new first aid trainers.
- Q8.** Fewer childminders (61%) than other practitioners (74%) felt the current programme met their needs. Issues highlighted were not enough Saturday courses and lack of choice of dates.

Q8. Does the current programme meet your needs?





Q9 -11. Over half those replying suggested other courses they would like, such as IT, management and more EYFS, First Aid and Food Hygiene courses.

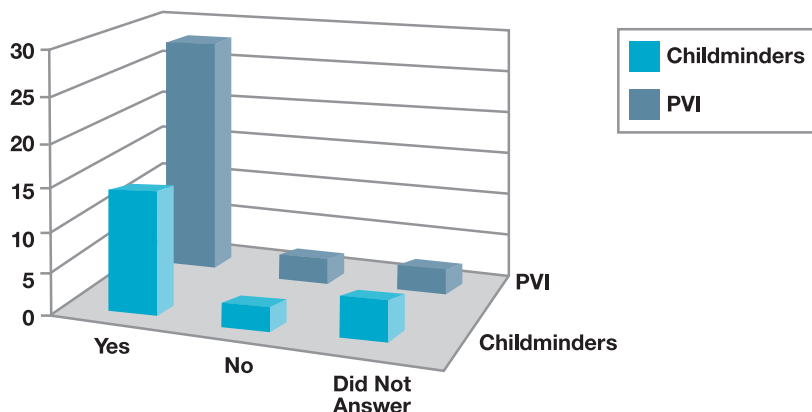
CPD programme for 2009/2010

Q12 -15. There was significant interest in the idea of locality based training (77%) and most respondents were happy to attend training at a nearby Children’s Centre rather than a central venue.

Q16. 10 settings would be willing and able to accommodate training sessions for 20 to 40 delegates.

Q17. 33% asked for management training, a wider range of relevant training for childminders and for more Children’s Centres to be involved in training, especially for local childminders.

Q14. Would you attend inset days in your locality?



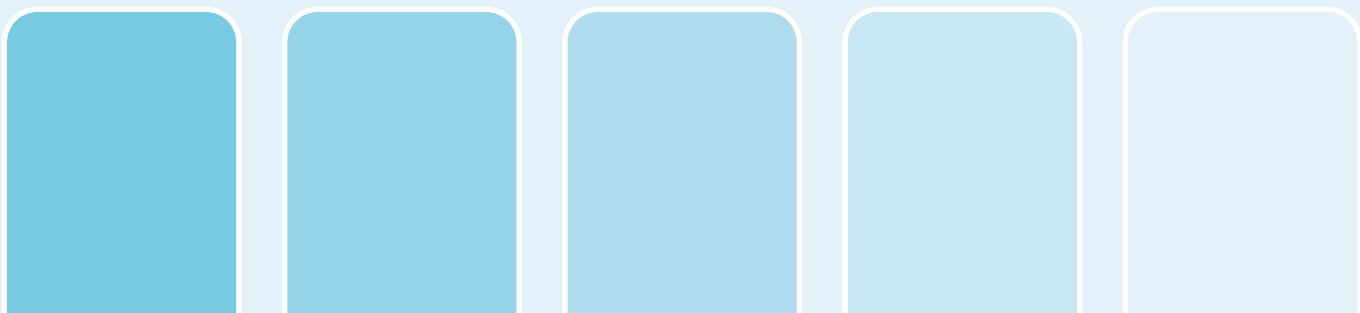
Good practice

Q18. We also asked you about whether you or your setting could offer any expertise or good practice to support the professional development of other practitioners and 44% said yes. The most popular way to do this is by offering a work placement to a student or trainee.

What have we done in response?

Plans are well under way for the CPD programme for 09/10. Although all plans are still provisional these are just some of the changes in the pipeline:

- more of the most popular courses (especially PFA and Safeguarding).
- a wider range of Saturday courses, particularly with childminders in mind.
- new courses planned include ICT, management, an accredited Early Support course and many more.
- we are hoping to offer more courses through local Children’s Centres.
- we will pilot locality based training in PFA, Safeguarding and the introductory one day EYFS course. Provisional 2009 dates are **Wednesday 7 October 2009, Tuesday 2 March 2010 and Thursday 13 May 2010** (see 2009/2010 training brochures for confirmation, due to reach you June 2009). We are still seeking suitable training venues in all localities: if you can help, please ring Marie Anderson (Workforce Development Officer) on 020 7926 9469 or email manderson@lambeth.gov.uk.



More on inset days

A number of managers have contacted Alex Webber (Workforce Strategy Manager) to ask for a trainer for inset days, for a whole staff team. Unfortunately Community Children's Service does not have sufficient funds to pay for this for all settings.

The locality training days (see above) are a compromise, which we hope will be helpful to settings. PVI settings receiving the Graduate Leader Fund will be able to use it to help pay for staff cover costs to attend training or to engage a trainer. The Workforce Development team will be happy to put you in touch with the trainers we employ in Lambeth.

In 2009 we are also planning to target whole staff teams in settings which are most in need of improvement, or which have failed to access essential training previously, for high priority training such as safeguarding. All providers can discuss their training and development needs with a local authority adviser.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to take part. We will consult you regularly and look forward to showing you the new programme very soon.

Workforce Development Team - Alex Webber

Workforce Strategy Manager (Early Years) Email: awebber@lambeth.gov.uk

Training related news and information

Our service to you

Community Children's Service delivers a wide range of short courses to all early years and play practitioners in Lambeth. We are continuously seeking to improve the service we offer you.

Last term we carried out a consultation about the training you would like to see in 2009/2010 – see page 12,13 for the results.

- You should have received a handy A3 wall chart calendar showing you all the training planned for this term. You will receive this at the start of every term – let us know if you did not get yours, so we can check we have the right address for you.
- From 1 Sept to 31 Dec 2008 we ran 44 courses with a total of 466 delegates attending.
- Some practitioners are still turning up without booking or not letting us know if they can't come. So from 1st January
 - ▶ you will not be allowed onto **any** course without confirmation that you or your setting have a place
 - ▶ we will be taking steps to recover non-cancellation fees.



CWDC Qualifications List for EYFS

CWDC has set up an on-line tool called the Qualifications List, which enables practitioners and managers to check whether qualifications meet the EYFS statutory requirements for qualifications. Visit <http://qualificationslist.cwdcouncil.org.uk> to try it out.

- All PVI group settings should have received a booklet last November
- Ofsted may ask managers if they have audited staff qualifications
- From 31 August 2009, the Qualifications List will replace the Early Years and Playwork database
- The main early years and childcare qualifications have been mapped to check they include:
 - ▶ early years specific content
 - ▶ the full age range birth to 5 years
 - ▶ all areas of the Common Core of Skills and Knowledge for the Children's Workforce (see www.everychildmatters.gov.uk for more info about the Common Core).
- The Qualifications List will also help you to plan CPD for yourself or staff.
- By 2012 only staff with **full** and **relevant** qualifications can be included in the staff: child ratios

Not all practitioners have UK qualifications. **UK NARIC** is the National Agency responsible for providing information and expert opinion on vocational, academic and professional skills to help those coming from overseas to the UK to work or study. It also provides help for their employers. See www.naric.org.uk.

Workforce Questionnaire and Audit

What percentage of early years practitioners have a Level 3 qualification? What about childminders? How many EYPs are there in Lambeth?

To answer these and many more questions, all providers should receive a questionnaire about training and qualifications in their setting. It has been sent out as part of the annual audit from the Family Information Service. Please complete the form and return it as quickly as possible. CCS will use this information to help plan training, ensure funding for qualifications is allocated fairly and measure progress in Lambeth.

Providers can keep a copy of the FY audit for their own records. A report on the results of the workforce questionnaire will be made available to all Lambeth early years and play providers.

Early Years Workforce Development Forum

The February meetings included sessions on using the Qualifications List, Safer Recruitment and PEAL (Parents, Early Years and Learning) training. Don't miss the June Forum – planned for 12 June – with a focus on looking ahead to what training (and funding) will be available to you in 2009/2010.

For all queries about training and course bookings contact the Early Years Administrator on eytraining@lambeth.gov.uk or ring 020 7926 9961.

Meet the Business Development Team

The Business Development Team is based within the CYPs Resources Division at International House.

Following a recruitment process during the Autumn term, there have been a few changes to the team and we would like to take the opportunity to provide an overview of the team members' roles and responsibilities:-

Lynne Singerton, Business Development Strategy Manager. Head of Service.

Bunmi Idowu, Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Grant (SSEYCG) Revenue Manager.

Elaine Thompson-Dixon, SSEYCG Revenue Monitoring Officer.

Jillian Jones, SSEYCG Revenue Monitoring Officer.

Trevor Whyne, SSEYCG Capital Monitoring Officer.

Shernett Gordon, Dedicated School Grant Support Officer for the Nursery Education Fund.

Gregoria Parry, SSEYCG Revenue Support Officer.

Gloria Aberepikima, SSEYCG Revenue Support Officer.

The Business Development Team offers technical support to Lambeth Children's Centres and Early Years providers across the borough specifically covering:-



- Business support for the delivery of sustainable financially viable childcare, including cash flow forecasting and business planning
- Childcare Affordability Programme
- Nursery Education Fund monitoring
- Children's Centre Capital projects monitoring
- Financial and non financial training
- Grant monitoring ensuring grant compliance

SSEYCG Monitoring Officers, Jillian Jones, Elaine Thompson-Dixon and Trevor Whyne are involved in ensuring the effective control and support of the SSEYCG for Revenue and Capital funding allocations.

The Business Development Team must ensure that settings have adequate financial control and management of funds allocated, ensuring standards and

compliance through monitoring visits to Children's Centres and the private, voluntary and independent settings are in line with statutory requirements.

For further information please contact Bunmi Idowu, Business Development Team (Resources)

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Effective Financial Awareness *within* Childcare



and monitoring their finances and financial resources.

It also aims to equip Children's Centre staff with the knowledge required to identify and control both financial and non financial risk associated with grant allocations and assist settings with meeting both grant and audit requirements.

The Business Development Team will also be providing a financial awareness training package for the private, voluntary and independent settings during 2009/2010.

The first training session will be held during April 2009. The dates for the full training programme will be circulated directly to settings as soon as possible. Bookings will be taken on first come first served basis.

Those Children's Centres who were unable to attend and missed the training held in November are encouraged to attend the forthcoming private, voluntary and independent settings training. Alternatively please contact the team directly to request training support at your Children's Centre.

- The Business Development Team are pleased to announce the successful outcome of the recent "Effective Financial Awareness in Childcare" training sessions held on 24 – 28 November 2008 specifically for Children's Centres. There was a high turnout with 43 delegates (74%) attendance.

- Our thanks to all those Children Centre staff who attended the training sessions, to those who sent apologies, and to Streatham Hub, Brixton and Vauxhall Children's Centres who hosted the sessions.

- The training was provided on behalf of the Business Development Team, CYPS Resources by Maltway Training Consultants, in consultation with Lambeth Community Children's Services.

- The aims and objectives were set specifically to assist those staff working in Children's Centres to ensure that they have robust processes for controlling, reporting



- **For further information please contact: Elaine Thompson-Dixon, Business Development Team (Resources) Tel 020 7926 8622**
- **Email: erthompson-dixon@lambeth.gov.uk**



Parents, Early Years and Learning **(PEAL)** training

PEAL training

- inspires and supports practitioners to increase the involvement of parents and families in their young children's early learning and development – both at home and in settings.
- supports settings to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and Children's Centre Practice Guidance, to work in partnership with parents to enhance children's learning and development.

Course aim: to support practitioners in developing work to engage parents in their children's learning.

Course content:

Before the course

- preparatory activities in your own setting to reflect on practice (from the free PEAL training guide, which will be sent to you once you book).

On the course you will:

- examine key elements of the PEAL model such as authentic relationships, communication and partnership, related to research into what works best and why
- examine the nature of relationships with parents using practical exercises to help you reflect on what it's like for parents and what support can be offered.
- consider how to overcome barriers to involvement
- share examples of successful practice

All the resources used are in the free PEAL training guide.

Course tutor: PEAL trainer

Course bookings email eytraining@lambeth.gov.uk or tel: 020 7926 9552/9961

Refreshments coffee, tea, juice and lunch provided.

Target Audience Early Years Practitioners, Childminders and Children's Centre staff

Cost free to Lambeth practitioners.

Venue Professional Development Centre, International House, Canterbury Crescent, SW9 9QE

**Please note that this one day course takes place on:
30 March and 1 April this term.
Please book through eytraining@lambeth.gov.uk**



A date for your diary!

Early Years Practitioners Conference

Positive Relationships with Children

28 April 2009

Conference Centre, Oval Cricket Ground

Invitations will be sent out shortly for this year's Early Years Practitioners Conference. The theme this year is developing positive relationships with children and we will have a range of interesting speakers and workshops around issues such as key personal attachments and social and emotional development.

Places will be limited so put the date in your diary and make sure you respond to the invitation when it arrives.

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