

The Health and Early Years Department are pleased to announce the launch of the Continuing Professional Development and Updating programme for the Child Care Profession.

In response to requests from the Child Care profession, the college is to provide a set of programmes enabling those working in the sector the opportunity to access specific sessions for updating and maintaining continuing professional development

Each session is hosted and delivered by a Child Care Lecturer whose contemporary research and professional experience will provide an engaging and practical approach to Continuing Professional Development.

Maria French is a member of the Childcare and Education Team at the college. She is an experience practitioner who worked in Islington London with Eleanor Goldschmied when she introduced Treasure Baskets to young babies in 1980s.

Kim Abbotts is an experienced practitioner, head of a local Pre –School and Chair of the Pre-school Learning Alliance . Kim is a part -time member of the Childcare and Education Team at the College.

Deborah Carr is a lecturer in Child Care who until recently worked in East London with Ethnically diverse students and nurseries and has been involved helping to set up parent groups with Sure Start.

Sarah Lees is a lecturer in Child Care, an experienced practitioner with NNEB and has a Degree in Professional Studies. As Student Services Manager at the College she continues to work with a range of young people

30 September 2009
7.00pm

Presenters:
Kim Abbotts with
Maria French

Observation, Assessment and Planning

Observing children on a regular basis is vital in the Early Years Foundation Stage This is a practical session giving ideas and strategies on how to use observation effectively to plan for the development of young children.

7 October 2009
7.00pm

Presenters:
Deborah Carr

Learning through Play

Today, play is a valued and essential element of the early year's curriculum. How do we support children in bringing together and organising their ideas, feelings, relationships and their physical life? Let us create opportunities through play to enable children to develop to their full potential.

14 October 2009
7.00pm

Presenters:
Deborah Carr with
Pat Yeardley

Protect and Promote Children's Rights

Why do we need to safeguard and protect children? What responsibilities do adults have to safeguard children from harm and abuse? This will be an opportunity to explore our responsibilities as child care practitioners with reference to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

21 October 2009
7.00pm

Presenters:
Maria French with
Kim Abbotts

Treasure Baskets Heuristic Play

Children learn by actively doing, they engage life with all their senses and limbs. The Treasure Basket provides objects of various sensory qualities which can nurture their curiosity. This practical session will give ideas on how to transform baby and toddler rooms in to a richer sensory experience.

4 November 2009
7.00pm

Presenters:
Sarah Lees with
Lorraine Barker

Health and Safety/Risk Assessment

There is a considerable amount of confusion and misinformation about Health and Safety within the early years sector. Come along to this practical session and find out more about safe working practice in your childcare setting. We will also consider the importance of using risk assessment within all aspects of your professional practice.

The fee for these seminars is £60 for all 5 sessions.
However, if you would prefer to attend specific dates, each seminar is £15.
Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more details and how to book please contact Laura on 737500
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