

Early Excellence Conference 2010

Looking Closely at
Playful Learning 3-5yrs

Thursday 17th June or
Friday 18th June 2010



Key Note Speakers:

Simon Cooper-Hind

Education Consultant, Independent Thinking

Professor Pat Broadhead

Leeds Metropolitan University, England

Dr. Stig Broström

Associate Professor, Aarhus University, Denmark

Paddy Beels OBE

Wingate Community Nursery School, Durham



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Conference Overview...

The Early Years Foundation Stage confirms the central role of play in the development of young children's thinking, relationships and understanding of their world. However, practitioner understanding of what play is and how it can be harnessed as a pedagogical tool, requires deeper reflection.

Drawing on both national and international research, theory and best practice, this conference will:

- identify what research is telling us about children's play and learning;
- share research and practice that underpin curriculum developments in England and Denmark;
- examine examples of playful learning in practice;
- reflect on the implications for teaching of an approach led by child-initiated play;
- consider the role of the adult in enabling and deepening children's learning through play.

Conference Audience...

The conference will be of interest to:

- Headteachers and Early Years Centre Managers
- Early Years Practitioners working with children 3-5yrs
- Early Years Advisory Staff
- Lecturers and Education Consultants



Speaker Information...

Simon Cooper-Hind has worked in education for over 22 years, with eight years as the head teacher of a primary school near Southampton. He is a consultant leader for the National College of School Leadership and an accredited Performance Management Consultant. He supports Local Authorities and schools to develop their own 'learning community' practices.

Pat Broadhead is Professor of Playful Learning at Leeds Metropolitan University. Her main areas of research are playful learning in sociable and co-operative contexts and open-ended role-play. She has worked in higher education for over 20 years and prior to this was an early years and primary teacher. She is author of *Early Years Play and Learning: developing social skills and co-operation* (Routledge 2003).

Dr. Stig Broström is Associate Professor in early childhood education in the School of Education at Aarhus University in Denmark. His main areas of research are based in curriculum theory and cultural historical theory related to pre-school, transition to school, the first years in school, and children's play, social competence and friendship.

Paddy Beels is the Headteacher of Wingate Community Nursery School, Co. Durham, now the hub of Wingate Children's Centre. She is dedicated to respecting children's rights and their childhood, true partnerships with parents and families, and believes strongly in children being close to the natural world. In 1999, Paddy won a National Teaching award and in 2000, she was awarded the OBE.

Conference Venue...

Cedar Court Hotel, off J24 of M62, Ainley Top, Huddersfield.

Conference Fee...

The day conference, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm, inclusive of refreshments and a buffet lunch, is £150.00 (exc VAT) per delegate.



Conference Booking Information

Please tick to indicate your preferred conference date.

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An invoice for £150.00 (exc VAT) per delegate will be sent with the confirmation of your booking. Payment is due within 14 days of receipt of invoice and cannot be re-imbursed after 16th May '10.

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