



Early Excellence

Promoting Quality in the Early Years

SATURDAY FORUMS

Creating a Rich Environment for Learning and Development A Focus on Mathematical Thinking Outdoors

LEAD TRAINER:	Jan White, Education Consultant
COURSE DURATION:	Morning Session
COURSE DATE:	Saturday 20 th March '10
TIME:	10.30 am - 12.00 noon
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Early Years Practitioners working with children 3-5 years
VENUE:	Early Excellence Training and Resource Centre
COST:	£35.00 (exc VAT)

"Young children need to learn about mathematical concepts through their bodies in practical experiences that make sense to them."

Jan White, Maths Outdoors (2005)

Young children need to use their whole bodies to gain intuitive understandings of mathematical ideas through deeply-felt experiences. The outdoor environment is rich in possibilities for engaging and meaningful encounters with maths, allowing children to learn in ways that suit them best.

This forum will:

- recognise the potential of the special nature of the outdoors for enabling mathematical behavior;
- explore how what young children naturally do in rich play outdoors gives them embodied foundations for *being* mathematical;
- consider how adults can unlock the potential of all outdoor spaces to offer children motivational ways of being, feeling and thinking mathematically.

Jan White is an early years education consultant specialising in outdoor play, who works in association with Early Excellence. She has previously worked as Senior Development Officer for Learning through Landscapes, where she played a key role in developing support for the early years sector. Her book 'Playing and Learning Outdoors: making provision for high quality experiences in the outdoor environment' is published by Routledge (2008).

***Places on this forum can be booked by contacting Michelle Hill on 01422 311314
Refreshments are from 10.00 am and are included in the course fee.***

If you would like to stay for lunch the café is open until 2.00 pm.

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