



Early Excellence

Promoting Quality in the Early Years

SATURDAY FORUMS

Developing an Environment for Play and Exploration A Focus on Babies and Young Children's Thinking in Action

LEAD TRAINERS:	Pat Brunton & Linda Thornton, Education Consultants
COURSE DURATION:	Morning Session
COURSE DATE:	Saturday 13 th March '10
TIME:	10.30 - 12.00 noon
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Early Years Practitioners working with children birth-3 years
VENUE:	Early Excellence Training and Resource Centre
COST	£35.00 (exc VAT)

Understanding what creative and critical thinking skills look like in practice, particularly for babies and toddlers can be a challenge for practitioners. This forum will use photographic examples to demonstrate thinking in action encouraging practitioners to:

- discover the value of using interesting and unusual resources as starting points for encouraging exploration and child-initiated learning;
- recognise the power of photographs as a way to make children's thinking visible;
- reflect on the opportunities to develop individual children's thinking by building on their interests and ideas.

Pat Brunton and Linda Thornton are education consultants, authors and trainers. Linda has over 30 years experience as a teacher, Headteacher, Lead Officer for Early Years and Adviser for primary science and technology. Pat is a research scientist with a long term interest in early years education. They write extensively for 'Early Years Educator' and 'Nursery World' magazines on science and technology and are THE EDITORS OF 'Early Years Update'. They are the authors of 'Making the Most of Light and Mirrors' and 'Making the Most of Reclaimed and Natural Materials' (A & C Black 2009), 'Science in the Early Years, Building Firm Foundations from Birth to Five' (Sage 2009), 'Understanding the Reggio Approach' (David Fulton 2005) and 'Bringing the Reggio Approach to your Early Years Practice' (David Fulton 2007).

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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