



OSN : SUPPORTING CLUBS - PROMOTING PLAY

Playwork and the EYFS update

Lynda Ray, OSN training manager, was invited by Skills Active to attend a meeting on 11 September at the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) in London.

A cross-section of people from the playwork sector came together with representatives from the DCSF to discuss growing concerns about the EYFS and Ofsted inspections in relation to out of school provision.

The meeting was full of opportunities to explain what playwork was and how it complimented or contrasted with the EYFS framework.

As a result the DCSF are now going to publish guidelines specifically for playwork settings. It is hoped that this will be available in December 2009.

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Ofsted have recently published a factsheet '**Regulating Play-based Provision**' which is available to download from their website www.ofsted.gov.uk

Skills Active have also published a briefing for Playworkers **Early Years Register and the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage**'.

Available from the Skills Active website
www.skillsactive.com/playwork/early-years-foundation-stage

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

OSN's AGM will be held on **Thursday 11 February 2010** at the **Quaker Meeting House**.

Watch out for details in the New Year on our website



Season's Greetings

OSN would like to give our compliments of the season to all readers of Network News and everyone involved in out of school clubs across Sheffield & South Yorkshire



Sheffield is a multi cultural, multi faith city and throughout the year many people take part in celebrations that reflect the diversity within the city.

Apart from the traditional Christmas and New Year festivities other celebrations are taking place.

In late November Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated by Muslims to commemorate the end of the pilgrimage to Mekkah (the Hajj), while on 18 December there is Al Hijra, the Muslim New Year's Day.

During December there is also the Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, when people exchange gifts and children play traditional games.

If you want to find out what celebrations will be taking place in January and throughout 2010 you can download the 2010 Diversity Calendar from www.sheffield.gov.uk

Fundraising at OSN

On the 19 October 2009 OSN held its second Dare to Wear it Pink Day for charity. Altogether we raised £100 for breast cancer research.

OSN staff and students were expected to dress up and wear as much pink as possible or pay a forfeit and chose something random to wear from our mystery sack of pink clothes.

A prize raffle was held and we all enjoyed hot dogs, soup, cakes and buns which were sold at lunchtime.



In November we were busy again, this time raising money for BBC Children in Need.

We had our usual raffle with items donated by staff and students, followed by a guess the name of the bear competition. Thank you to Allison Houston for donating the cuddly bear and to those that contributed raffle prizes.

Lunch was jacket potatoes with different toppings, fruit kebabs and hand decorated biscuits and buns.

A total of £84 was raised for Pudsey!

A big thank you goes to all the staff and students who took part and made both events a success. Special thanks go to Daniel & Mal for arranging the events and Gillian & Rachel for organising the food and refreshments



Yorkshire Play AGM 28 October 2009 Rotherham

Members of OSN's training team attended Yorkshire Play's Annual General Meeting.

The AGM was deliberately held in Rotherham to give attendees the opportunity to visit and admire the new Clifton Park.

The park has recently been refurbished and is an excellent example of a child centred play facility including climbing spaces, an enormous slide, water play areas, sand and a skate board ramp.

The design and layout of the park is such that children of different ages can access the facility at their level of ability, giving them all the chance to experience risky play, but at a level at which they feel safe.

Clifton Park is very close to the centre of Rotherham and easily accessible from the bus station, so for anyone planning a playscheme it is well worth a visit.

Staff at OSN have recently become members of Yorkshire Play. Some of the benefits include discounted regional conferences & events and networking opportunities with other providers from across the region.

If you are interested in becoming a member you can pick up a leaflet from the OSN reception desk.

Experiences from a Sheffield Holiday Play Scheme

Our first 2 week summer holiday playscheme at Meersbrook Park After School Club has been a resounding success. We ran a play club all day long, welcoming children from the wider community to attend as well as our after school club members.

Each morning we used the Everyone Centre, next door to Heeley Pool. In addition to our usual play activities we had special sessions for street dance, drumming, cheerleading and circus skills taking place in the large hall. In the comfy lounge area children could read a book or sit and chat, the lounge also became a "making dens" room. We also made good use of the free sessions at Heeley Pool for over 8s and visited the new play area at Broadfields Park.

Outings included a bus journey to Weston Park Museum, a short walk followed by a climb on the rock in Millennium Park, being shown around an archaeological dig at Heeley City Farm and seeing lots of rare breed animals in Graves Park. In the afternoons we walked to our usual club base at Meersbrook Park Pavilion. In the park we used the football area, basketball and tennis courts, the skate bowl and the playground as well as enjoying the wide green spaces for rolling on the grass and playing parachute games, oh we even played bowls in the bowling green too.

On rainy days we enjoyed lots of free play in the Club utilising our extensive resources. Popular activities included a pamper zone with foot spas, massage, hairdresser & nail bar and making junk models and some interesting things from Lego.

Lots of fun was had by lots of children; we made some new friends and had a go at some new things and some tried and tested ones too, aided by our playworkers providing activities geared to the needs and interests of the children.

The playscheme was of benefit to many parents in the area, so much so that we have had lots of requests from parents to do it again. As a result we are intending to run our playscheme again for 2 weeks in the summer holidays.

Roll on next year!

Helen Turner, Co-ordinator Meersbrook Park After School Club





Playwork: useful websites & publications

Keeping up to date with new developments and ideas in playwork is extremely important .

The following websites provide news, reports and information to keep you up to date with developments in playwork practice and offer a range of useful publications and resources

Commonthreads

www.commonthreads.org.uk

Commonthreads publishes **Playwords**, a quarterly magazine, which you can download for free from the website

Play England

www.playengland.org.uk

The website has an extensive range of resources to download including the Charter for Children's Play. Their quarterly magazine, **Play Today** is available to download from Play England website

Children's Play Information Service

www.ncb.org.uk/cpis

CPIS publish a monthly e bulletin

Children's Play update with relevant news & information sourced from other publications and the national media. You can also download useful fact sheets from their website.

Play Wales

www.playwales.org.uk

Yorkshire Play

www.yorkshireplay.org.uk

National Children's Bureau www.ncb.org.uk

IP-DIP

www.ip-dip.com

A monthly magazine for professionals in play, 4 full sized issues and 8 half size issues per year for a yearly subscription of £9.60.

Unfortunately the magazine is not available to download.

Nursery World

www.nurseryworld.co.uk

Although aimed at early years practitioners there can be relevant and interesting articles particularly for out of school clubs on the EYFS register. The weekly magazine is available by subscription. You can also sign up to receive free weekly e bulletins.

Children & Young People Now

www.cypnow.co.uk

CYPNow In Practice is their free weekly e bulletin, aimed at everyone involved in children's centres and extended schools.

Play Link

www.playlink.org

Free Play Network www.freeplaynetwork.org.uk

Safer recruitment resources

The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) has developed guidance and training for the children and young people's workforce on safe recruitment practices.

Both the guidance and the online training are available free of charge via the CWDC website

www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/safeguarding/safer-recruitment/safer-recruitment-resources

New National Minimum Wage from October 2009

National Minimum wage rates have risen from October 2009.

Rates have increased from:

£5.73 to £5.80 an hour 22 years and over

£4.77 to £4.83 an hour 18 - 21 years

£3.53 to £3.57 an hour 16 - 17 years



Vetting and Barring Scheme



OSN staff recently attended a briefing to find out how the new scheme will operate and how it will affect playworkers and out of school clubs. More information is now available about how the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), created to implement the scheme, and the existing Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) will work together.

Independent Safeguarding Authority

The ISA will make decisions over who should be barred from working with vulnerable people. These decisions are legally binding so it will be a criminal offence for a barred person to apply to undertake certain roles. It will also become a criminal offence for employers to employ people who are not ISA-registered in certain roles.

ISA registration will be required for anyone who has contact with children in a paid or voluntary capacity.

Criminal Records Bureau

The CRB will be responsible for administering the ISA Registration process. Forms used for registration will be similar to the current CRB Disclosure request form and be processed by CRB through existing registered bodies.

As part of the ISA registration a CRB disclosure check will also be undertaken. It is expected that providers will follow safer recruitment practices and continue to request CRB disclosures for all new employees and volunteers.

Safeguarding Children Briefings on the new Vetting and Barring Scheme

Thursday 4 February 2010 at
The Circle
33 Rockingham Lane
Sheffield S1 4FW

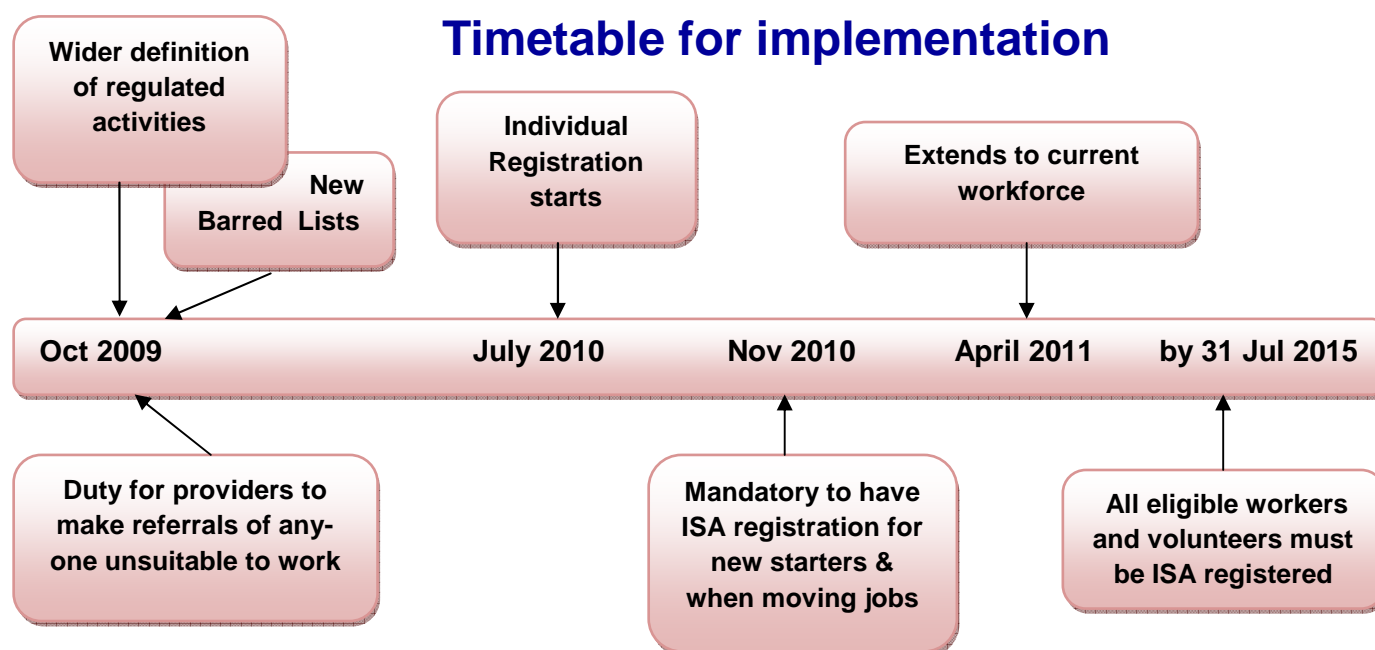
There will be 3 sessions taking place throughout the day

Session 1 9.00 - 11.15
Session 2 11.45 - 14.00
Session 3 14.30 - 16.45

To book a place contact Debbie Gooden, tel: 0114 205 3128 or email: Debbie.gooden@sheffield.gov.uk

Please indicate which of the 3 sessions you would prefer to attend. Places are limited to one person per setting.

Timetable for implementation





OSN training dates 2010

Professional Development Courses

Elemental Play **

Come and explore the natural elements of earth, wind, water and fire play as we investigate how to make the most of your inside and outside play spaces

4 sessions 10am – 2pm

Tuesdays - 2, 9, 16, 23 March 2010

Tuesdays - 9, 16, 23, 30 June 2010

Everyone can Play **

Playworkers with an understanding of play will find this course useful to enable them to explore issues of disability discrimination and develop an inclusive play setting

5 sessions 10am – 12.30pm

Fridays - 26 Feb & 5, 12, 19, 26 March 2010

Tuesdays - 8, 15, 22, 29 June & 6 July 2010

Observations

This is a practical and useful course for playworkers who would like to learn how to observe children following the EYFS Framework

2 sessions 10am – 12 noon

3 & 10 February, 24 & 31 March or 21 & 28 April

First Aid

2 day course on a Saturday, 9am – 3.30pm

Dates available in February, March, May and July 2010

Food Hygiene

2 day course on a Friday, 9am – 1pm

Dates available in February and May 2010

Entry Level Courses

Introduction to Playwork **

This is an introductory training course designed for people working with children aged 4-16

3 days - 27 Feb, 6 & 13 March 2010

10am – 2.30pm

Teamwork

3 days – 4, 11, 18 January 2010

10am – 12 noon

For further details or to book on any of the courses on this page please contact Daniel/Sharon at OSN on 0114 2494941 or Email info@osn.org.uk

** These courses are subsidised by the Learning Skills Council.

Cost is £20 or £5 if you are in receipt of benefits

Leadership and Management 1 day courses

Completing your Ofsted SEF

Friday 15 January 2010 10am – 12noon

Thursday 11 March 2010 10am - 12noon

Are you ready for your Ofsted Inspection

Friday 29 January 2010 10am - 12 noon

Know your team

Tuesday 9 February 2010 9.30am - 2pm

Appraisals & 1:1s

Tuesday 9 March 2010 9.30am - 2pm

All these courses are free



Working with Children and Young People in Sheffield's Woodlands

Sheffield City Council are putting on this 2 day training course for teachers and youth leaders.

Saturday 16th Sunday 17th January
Ecclesall Woods Sawmill – Abbey Lane

Thursday 4th Friday 5th February
Thursday 18th Friday 19th February
Newfield Green Social Centre, Gleadless Road
S2 2BT (next to the library)

All courses are from 9.30am – 4pm

For more information or to book a place contact Catherine Nuttgens on 0114 2736199 or email catherine.nuttgens@sheffield.gov.uk

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The OSN training team are now interviewing for the end of January intake of students.

If you are working in a playwork setting and are interested in gaining a qualification in Playwork.

Please contact the training team on 0114 249 4941 for an informal chat and to arrange an interview.

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OSN's elemental play days at Pitsmoor & Highfields Adventure Playgrounds were so successful that, following requests from playworkers, these ideas have now been transformed into a new course to be offered by OSN which will run over four weeks.

FOR DETAILS SEE OSN TRAINING DATES 2010

If you go down to the woods today!



On 23rd September the Training Team and some of our current students from OSN attended Yorkshire Play's exciting outdoor 'If you go down to the Woods' event based at

Brodsworth Woods (in Doncaster). They enjoyed a variety of hands on elemental play experiences and came back with lots of great ideas to pass on!

These included the following;

- Willow Weaving
- Outdoor Inclusive Play - den making
- Campfire Cooking
- Mud and Straw Den building
- Play Rangers in Schools- how Play Rangers can support and benefit schools and children

Yorkshire Play gave all who attended a free copy of their 'Playing with Fire' DVD, which looks at the challenges when using fire in play.

It is a guide that helps to alleviate the fear of providing fire play activities for children, including exiting ideas such as burning fire sculptures, making bonfires and making paper boats to set



fire to as they float down a stream!

If you would like a copy of the DVD, please contact the Training Team on 0114 249 4941



Map

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Charity Commission	www.charity-commission.gov.uk	0845 300 0218
Companies House Contact Centre	www.companieshouse.gov.uk	0870 333 3636
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