



OSN : SUPPORTING CLUBS - PROMOTING PLAY

Welcome to the Summer edition of Network News!

Whilst you are taking a well deserved summer break, or indeed if you're busy working at your holiday playscheme this summer, we'd like to inform you of some new training course delivered by OSN.

We are now interviewing for enrolment onto our qualifications programme for a **September 2009** start and are offering the following courses:-

- NVQ level 2 in Playwork
- NVQ level 3 in Playwork
- Level 3 Diploma in Playwork
- A1 Assessor Training
- NVQ level 4 in Playwork
- V1 Internal Verifier Award
- Level 3 Award in Playwork for Early Years/Childcare workers



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If you are a level 3 qualified playworker with 2 years experience you might be interested in our **NEW Level 3 Award in Early Years and Childcare for Playworkers**, which extends your playwork qualification into an Early Years qualification in just one year.

Help with course fees may be available in some circumstances, please contact us for more details



Continuous Professional Development (CPD) is an important factor in maintaining high standards and raising the quality of service that you provide.

CPD and other courses available from September '09 include:

Observing Children & Young People in a Playwork setting
Introduction to Elemental Play
Everyone Can Play Inclusion Training
Introduction to Playwork

If you are interested in any of the above courses please telephone the training team on **0114 249 4941**

OSN are hoping to soon be delivering a new course Level 2 course '**Playing on the Range**', packed full of information, inspiration and ideas for those working with children and young people in open access play provision. Watch out for further info ..



National Play Day - 5th August 2009

This year's free 'Play Day' event will take place
on **Wednesday 5th August** at
Hillsborough Park, 11am - 4pm.



Play Day is the annual celebration of children's right to play. This year's theme is "Make Time to Play!", and aims to be the most daring, challenging play day yet.



**Playschemes and
Holiday Camps are
invited, and the
organisers are keen
to make Play Day
2009 the biggest and
best yet!**

A full programme of activities will be available to challenge, dare and excite children of all ages, their parents and carers; including competitions and prizes. Last year over 4000 visitors attending the event, lets try and beat that number this year!

**OSN will be there so why not come
along, bring the kids, and say hello!**

New scheme to replace CRB checks

Criminal Records Bureau checks (CRB's) are changing from September 2009. The new Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) is the overall name of the scheme to protect vulnerable adults and children. The ISA (Independent Safeguarding Authority) and CRB will still do checks in much the same way as they do at present.

Registrations with the ISA will be phased in over a five year period from July 2010. This phasing in period will help to manage the operational impact of the Scheme both on the system's infrastructure and on the sectors involved in working with children and vulnerable adults.

The first individuals to register with the ISA should be those joining the workforce for the first time or moving to a post with a new provider. Following new entrants, members of the

workforce who have never had a CRB Disclosure or have not had one for a number of years and who do not change posts, should join the Scheme. Later in the five year phasing period, the existing workforce should then apply to join the Scheme, based on the timeline at which they obtained their most recent CRB Disclosure.

Eventually, this will lead to a much more efficient scheme where organisations will be able to go online to check up to the minute information about someone's criminal record.

The Vetting and Barring Scheme contact centre is now live. If you have any questions or queries about the Scheme please call 0300 123 1111. Operators staffing this Lo-call service will be available to deal with your queries Monday to Friday between 8am and 5.30pm.



Special Needs Inclusion Play Care Service

Information about the Mentoring Support available to Out of School Club Service Providers

SNIPS play care mentors undertake a wide role that includes working with voluntary and community sector service providers delivering out of school play care recreation and leisure activities.

Clubs who are supported by the SNIPS service will have a named dedicated member of staff to work with, as and when required.

Some of the types of support that the SNIPS team can provide are:

- Provide information about a clubs legal requirements with regard to the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)
- Offer advice about what kind of reasonable adjustments a club could make to allow access
- Assist clubs with play and care planning for individual children
- Assist clubs to identify any support needs of an individual child
- Co-ordinate support for you from specialist services
- Work alongside your staff during sessions to provide assistance and support when a new child begins attending
- Provide information about different disabilities in a play environment
- Help your club access specialist equipment or resources, that individual children may need that clubs would not routinely purchase

If your club is not currently receiving support from the service and you would like a member of the SNIPS Team to visit you SNIPS can be contacted on telephone number 0114 273 4017 or by email at cypdsnips@sheffield.gov.uk

Pathways to Playwork

SkillsActive are pleased to announce the launch of a new free on-line interactive toolkit for the play workforce, find out more at <http://www.skillsactive.com/resources/news/pathways-to-playwork>

The toolkit, entitled 'Pathways to Playwork', is designed to assist individuals and employers to access up to date information such as:

- Approved playwork qualifications by the qualifications and curriculum authority
- Endorsed playwork training courses which meet the national occupational standards and the playwork principles and have achieved SkillsActive endorsement
- Links to SkillsActive's list of quality assured training provision and contact details.

SkillsActive said, "We are really pleased to launch Pathways to Playwork..... At a time when parents need to know their children are safe and supervised by qualified playworkers, we need to ensure that our employers have access to playwork qualifications and training which are fit for purpose and quality assured".



Resources and Equipment Suppliers

We have been asked by various clubs if we are aware of any reasonably priced resource or equipment suppliers, especially since the closure of the Play Resource Centre.

Below are some of those we are aware of - if you know of any others, please let us know so we can share the information.

OSN do not endorse or personally recommend any of these organisations.

SpaceKraft – early years catalogue

Interaction for special needs; games, toys, furniture, musical instruments, multi-sensory equipment etc

Telephone: 01274 581 007

Email: enquiries@spacekraft.co.uk

Online: www.spacekraft.co.uk

Wesco - for children 0-6years

Educational and nursery resources; furniture, equipment, games, sports, learning materials, crockery, utensils, first aid etc

Telephone: 0115 989 9765

Email: sales@wescouk.co.uk

Online: www.wesco-group.com

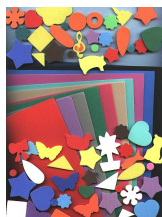
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation – public sector & organisations with charitable status

Whole range of supplies, including furniture, cleaning, office, arts & crafts

Telephone: 01924 824 477

Email: ypos@ypos.co.uk

Online: www.ypos.co.uk



Hope Education

Online: www.hope-education.co.uk

Yellow moon – schools/groups & charities

Arts & crafts, craft kits, small toys/gifts.

Telephone: 0844 826 8684

Email: enquiry@yellowmoon.org.uk

Online: www.yellowmoon.org.uk

You can also receive up to 25% of the cost of an order by encouraging parents and others to send in orders. You will need to register first at www.yellowmoonuk.org

Community Playthings

Wooden furniture & equipment for a range of different types of play

Telephone: 0800 387 457

Email: sales@communityplaythings.co.uk

Online: www.communityplaythings.co.uk

Recycling

Shrodoba scrapstore

Telephone 0114 232 6600

Email: info@sheffield-scrapstore.co.uk

Online: www.sheffield-scrapstore.co.uk

Freecycle – local non profit groups can join.

Find your local group

www.freecycle.org/group/uk/

Don't forget the natural environment and recycling things from home

Commercial shops

Wilkinsons

www.wilkinsonplus.com

Hobbycraft

www.hobbycraft.co.uk

Also look out for suitable materials from 99p/£1 shops





Sheffield Safeguarding Children Service



Safeguarding Advisors – Early Years

You may be aware that there have been some changes to the Safeguarding Advisors Early Years Team. There are now four Safeguarding Advisors:

- Jane Walker (currently on maternity leave)
- Debbie Gooden
- Jo Savill and Val Linnett. (Job share. Val works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Jo works Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.)

The Safeguarding Advisors provide:

Safeguarding Support – to early year's settings to assist them in developing good safeguarding practice, procedures and policies. In particular we will support early year's settings and providers who receive an inadequate Ofsted safeguarding judgement to help them to improve.

Safeguarding Training – for early year's settings, providers and practitioners to support and develop their safeguarding knowledge, skills, practice and personal development

Safeguarding Advice – with an early years focus to the Safeguarding Children Advisory Service and Advisory Desk

Safeguarding Children Website – an Early Years section designed to enable settings, practitioners, students and parents to access information and guidance about safeguarding children and their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe. The guidance documents will be regularly updated and reviewed and are available for settings to use to ensure their Safeguarding Children Policies and Procedures are robust and cover all areas of Safeguarding www.safeguardingsheffieldchildren.org.uk

We have divided the 7 Service Districts between team members so there is now a named safeguarding advisor for your area.

Advisor	Service District
Debbie Gooden: 0114 2053128 07989 359523 Debbie.gooden@sheffield.gov.uk	Arbourthorne/Manor/Darnall Greenhill/Gleadless Rivelin to Sheaf
Val Linnett: 0114 2735250 Val.linnett@sheffield.gov.uk	Parsons Cross/Ecclesfield Shiregreen/Burngreave Rivelin to Sheaf
Jo Savill: 0114 2735250 Jo.savill@sheffield.gov.uk	Mosborough/Handsworth Hillsborough/Upper Don

If you've got concerns about any of the children you are working with, the **Safeguarding Children Advisory Service** can help you find the answers. Experienced specialist advisors are available to take your call 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, call them on **0114 205 3535**



FREE Local Workshop Programme August and September 2009



To book a place contact HM Revenue & Customs Advice Team: 0845 603 2691

PAYING YOUR EMPLOYEES 9.45am - 3.30pm		
Wednesday	5 August	Concept House, Sheffield
Thursday	24 September	Concept House, Sheffield

STATUTORY SICK PAY 9.45am - 1.00pm		
Wednesday	16 September	Concept House, Sheffield

SELF ASSESSMENT FOR THE SELF EMPLOYED 9.45am – 1.30pm		
Monday	3 August	Concept House, Sheffield
Wednesday	12 August	Assay Office, Sheffield
Tuesday	18 August	Whirlow Grange, Sheffield
Monday	7 September	Concept House, Sheffield
Monday	21 September	Concept House, Sheffield

Please note the availability of events will vary from day to day as reservations are made and places are taken. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Venue Addresses:

Assay Office, Guardians Hall, Beulah Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 2AN

HMRC, Concept House, Young Street, Sheffield S1 4LB

Whirlow Grange, Ecclesall Road South Sheffield S11 9PZ

SkillsActive releases guidelines for the playwork sector on meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage

New guidelines/measures designed to assist playwork employers and practitioners in interpreting how they can meet the requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in a playwork setting have been unveiled today by SkillsActive.

The guidelines provide an overview of the statutory framework for the EYFS, the issues for playwork settings in implementing the EYFS, and practical suggestions for settings in matching good practice in playwork to EYFS requirements.

The guidelines can be found at: www.skillsactive.com/playwork/early-years-foundation-stage



Swine Flu update



Sheffield Early Years Education and Child-care Service has issued updated guidelines about swine flu for childcare providers, including out of school clubs.

EYECS strongly encourages you to keep your setting open unless the Health Protection Agency advise otherwise or unless staffing does not allow this, however you can contact EYECS for advice should staffing become an issue.

Full details of EYECS guidelines can be found on the OSN website www.osn.org.uk

Further information is available at www.sheffield.gov.uk/flu or visit www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu

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The OSN training team are now interviewing for the September 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.

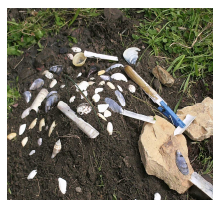
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Early Years Education & Childcare Service has moved

their new address is Castle Market Buildings, Floor 1, Exchange Street, Sheffield, S1 2AH

Telephone: 0114 281 1881

Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water



On Tuesday 28 July Pitsmoor Adventure Playground hosted a day on the theme of the four elements; earth, wind, fire and water.

OSN organised the event as part of our support and training for community playschemes.

Children were able to make and set fire to simple fire sculptures, have fun with water and mud, construct a flowing waterway with pipes and guttering as well as creating a small garden and using a variety of materials to show the which way the wind was blowing.

It was hard work but good fun and we're about to do it again!

If you want to find out more about elemental play and get some new ideas for your playscheme or out of school club then come along and join us. We will be at

**Highfields Adventure playground
Tuesday 18 August 10am – 2pm**

We expect everyone to join in so please wear suitable shoes and clothing as they are likely to get dirty and wet.

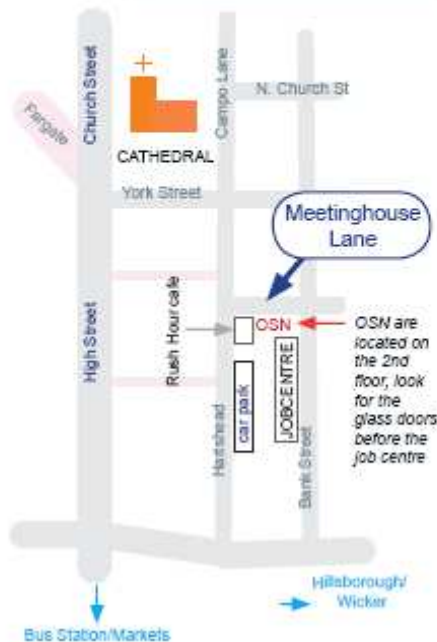
If you intend to stay all day we recommend you bring a packed lunch.





Map

Address: 6-8 Meetinghouse Lane
Sheffield S1 2DP



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Sheffield Information Link	www.sheffinfoLink.org.uk	0114 275 6699
Creating More Balance	www.cmb.org.uk	
Voluntary Action Sheffield (VAS)	www.vas.org.uk	0114 249 3360
Special Needs Inclusion Project (SNIP)		0114 273 4017
Activity Sheffield (casual staff cover)	www.sheffield.gov.uk	0114 273 5314
South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB)	www.syfab.org.uk	0114 249 4343
Awards For All	www.awardsforall.org.uk	0113 224 5345
Big Lottery	www.biglotteryfund.org.uk	0845 410 2030
Sheffield City Council Small Grants	www.sheffield.gov.uk	0114 273 4113
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	www.sycf.org.uk	0114 242 4294
OFSTED Helpline	www.ofsted.gov.uk	0845 6 404040
OFSTED Complaints Helpline		0845 6 404040
Working Tax Credit Helpline	www.hmrc.gov.uk	0845 300 3900
ACAS Helpline	www.acas.org.uk	0845 747 4747
Charity Commission	www.charity-commission.gov.uk	0845 300 0218
Companies House Contact Centre	www.companieshouse.gov.uk	0870 333 3636
Inland Revenue (new employers)	www.hmrc.gov.uk	0845 607 0143
Children's Hospital	www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk	0114 271 7000
Royal Hallamshire Hospital	www.sth.nhs.uk	0114 271 1900
Northern General Hospital	www.sth.nhs.uk	0114 243 4343
Jessop Wing	www.sth.nhs.uk	0114 271 1900
Charles Clifford Dental Hospital	www.sth.nhs.uk	0114 271 7800
ChildLine	www.childline.org.uk	0800 1111
NSPCC	www.nspcc.org.uk	0808 800 5000
Social Services & Child Protection Referrals	www.sheffield.gov.uk	0114 273 4855
Safety Net	www.sheffieldsafetynet.gov.uk	0114 273 5029
Sheff. Safeguarding Children Board	www.safeguardingsheffieldchildren.org.uk	0114 273 4450