



Newsletter

Newsletter 2 – September 2020

Dear Members of the Early Childhood Forum,

Return to the Classroom

In our first meeting of the Academic year we invite you to share in experiences of leaders and practitioners as they tackle “the new normal” when welcoming children back into Early Years settings, nurseries and schools. **Lisa Fern (Grandpont NS, Oxford), Elaine Bennett (KEYU) and Michael Freeston (Early Years Alliance)** will share theirs and the children’s classroom experiences. Please Join us on Friday 25 September 2020 at 10.30, following this ZOOM link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83294788417?pwd=ZmJnanh3NGZaVDI6WGZsOFpnOWVHdz09>

Meeting ID: 832 9478 8417

Passcode: 957603

Black Lives Matter agenda

During our last meeting in July we invited members to contribute information about resources available to support anti-racism practice, diverse and inclusive practice. In addition to the information shared on the day and in the minutes of the meeting, we have received ‘Eradicating Racism in Early Years Sector’ article from Dr Sharon Curtis and Jane Lane

(Eyblackvoicesnetwork@gmail.com). The full text can be found in Nursery World

<https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/features/article/eradicating-racism-in-the-early-years-sector>

Dr Stella Louis has been invited to provide [anti-racist training to the ECF members on 23 October 2020 meeting](#).

Importantly we are seeking ways to extend the ECF membership to make it more inclusive and representative of the Early Childhood sector. Please, do contact us, by email, if you know of an organisation that would be interested in joining at earlychildhoodforum@yahoo.co.uk

Early Years Coalition news

Whilst traditionally August is a holiday month, the steering group was kept busy working with Early Education and the Early Years Coalition on the response to the revised **Development Matters** document. Please find attached the full statement. We have committed to support the commissioned alternative version of the document because we believe that the Early Years Sector deserves to be supported by a well-researched and evidenced document which enables practitioners to guide babies, toddlers and young children towards meaningful nursery and

reception experiences in line with their developmental and cultural trajectories reflecting the society of today.

Recently published

We would also like to share with you recent publications by Peter Moss and colleagues

New book *Transforming Early Childhood in England: Towards a Democratic Education*, edited by Claire Cameron and Peter Moss and published by UCL Press. Read online for free at <https://www.uclpress.co.uk/products/128464> & read the blog at <https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/2020/08/06/ending-a-pernicious-split-how-to-get-beyond-childcare-as-a-commodity-to-education-as-every-childs-right/>. For information about the book webinar go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/transforming-early-childhood-education-in-england-tickets-115991948039>

Peter Moss and Mathias Urban, 'The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's International Early Learning and Child Well-being Study: The scores are in!', in *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood*, downloadable at <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1463949120929466#articleCitationDownloadContainer>

Peter Moss and Pat Petrie on 'Education and Social Pedagogy - What relationship?' in *London Review of Education*, 17 (3), downloadable at <https://doi.org/10.18546/LRE.17.3.13>

We continue to support the [1001 days project](#) initiative and will explore their work with parents and babies [in our ZOOM meeting on 10 November](#). We are particularly aware of the impact of the recent pandemic on families of young children and will therefore focus on mental health.

Associated Webinars

We would like to alert you to the What About the Children Webinar Conference running through September – to get more details please see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-about-the-children-national-conference-2020-tickets-111737052532>

Please share this newsletter with your members. We very much look forward to seeing you all at our next ZOOM meeting on Friday September 25 and are keen to share your news with our members in future newsletters – do let us know what is new in your organisation.

With best wishes

Trisha and Barbara

On behalf of the Steering Group, Early Childhood Forum