

Early years & childcare services

E-newsletter – October 2010



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Welcome to this month's e-newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with all early years' news, updates and events.

We hope you find this e-newsletter useful. If you would prefer not to receive this email, just let us know by emailing fis@nottsc.gov.uk

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Training and Development Opportunities

Castle College apprenticeships for early years practitioners

Castle College, Nottingham are pleased to announce they are offering apprenticeships for early years practitioners employed for a minimum of 12 hours per week – Age no restriction! The costs for this opportunity are **greatly reduced** from the current course fees.

Practitioners have to study either the new Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce (QCF) or the new Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce (QCF); the level will be dependent on job role and responsibilities. These awards have replaced all previous early years' qualifications from the college.

Practitioners will also study Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT. If a level 2 or equivalent is already gained, practitioner may be able to be accredited with prior learning.

Practitioners will attend college for the level 2 or 3 qualification and the functional skill element (a twilight/evening class). Assessment of current skills and knowledge in the workplace will form a significant part of the qualification.

For more information please contact Judith Carlyle or Tanya Wood on 0115 8842011.

TADO courses starting in November

There are still spaces available on the below TADO courses. See the TADO booklet for full descriptions of the courses at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/earlyyears.

Course Title	Course Reference	Date & Time	Venue	Page in TADO Brochure	Spaces currently available
Supporting Transition and Learning	110FS	Monday 1 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	National Fluid Power Centre, Worksop S81 7HP	95	15

Equality & Diversity	ED/1	Monday 1 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	My Time Gedling School NG4 4HX	63	11
Here Come The Boys	177FS	Wednesday 3 November 2010 9.30am – 12.00pm	The Well, Retford, DN22 7BB	93-94	14
Combined Joint Approaches to Autistic Spectrum Disorder	32DC	Thursday 4 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	Everyday Champions Centre, Newark NG24 2AG	58	12
Welfare Requirements Briefing	WR/4	Thursday 4 November 2010	Grange Hall Radcliffe on Trent NG12 2FB	34	14
Supporting Children with Attachment Issues	35SN	Friday 5 November 2010 9.30am – 12.00pm	Springwater Golf Club, Calverton NG14 6FZ	70	17
Supporting Children with English as an additional language	1CLL	Monday 8 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	The Turbine, Worksop S81 8AP	106	5
Mathematics in Reception	88FS	Tuesday 9 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	The Well, Retford, DN22 7BB	89	40
Safer Recruitment and Dealing with Allegations	DA/9	Tuesday 9 November 2010 10.00am-12.00pm	St Johns Ambulance, Newark, NG24 2DX	43	14
Equality & Diversity	ED/10	Wednesdays 10 & 17 November 2010 6.45pm-9.15pm *please note change of date to that advertised	The Well, Retford, DN22 7BB	63	14
An Introduction to the Early Years Foundation Stage	144FS	Thursdays 11/11, 18/11, 25/11 & 2/12/2010 1.00pm – 3.30pm (4 part training course)	Edwinstowe House NG21 9PR	97-98	10
The Journey To Reading and Writing	5CLL	Thursday 11 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	Arnold Town Football Club, NG5 8PS	113	24
Using Observation Effectively	39FS	Monday 15 November 2010 9.30am – 12.00pm	Beeston Fields Golf Club, Beeston NG9 3DD	78-79	19
Working with children with additional sensory needs	30DC	Monday 15 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	Nottingham Forest Football Club NG2 5FJ	71	11
Leadership and Management	2NET	Monday 15 November 2010	Elston Playgroup,	7-8	11

Network (PVI)		6.30pm – 8.30pm	Newark NG23 5PA		
The Social Child	SC/15	Mondays 15 & 22 November 2010 - 9.30am – 12.30pm	My Time Gedling School NG4 4HX	117-118	17
Introduction Briefing for CAF	54TD	Tuesday 16 November 2010 9.30am – 10.30am	Edwinstowe House, NG21 9PR	45	3
Recruitment and Retention within the childcare sector	80TD	Wednesday 17 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	Everyday Champions Centre, Newark NG24 2AG	17	14
Safeguarding Children – Designated Person	31TD/18	Thursday 18 November 2010 10.00am – 12.00pm	Highfields Fire Station, Beeston NG9 2GQ	39-40	14
Developing the role of team leader in early years settings	77TD	Monday 22 November 2010 9.00am – 3.30pm	Arnold Town Football Club NG5 8PS	16	11
Audit Toolkit Training	81TD	Wednesday 24 November 2010 9.30am – 12.30pm	Patchings Art Centre, Calverton NG14 6NU	18	13
Music All The Time	40FS	Thursday 25 November 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	Attenborough Nature Centre, NG9 6DY	103	21
Tuning in to Children	6FS	Monday 29 November 2010 9.30am – 12.00pm	National Fluid Power Centre, Worksop S81 7HP	96	22
Here Come The Boys	177FS	Monday 29 November 2010 1.00pm – 3.30pm	Springwater Golf Club, Calverton NG14 6FZ	93-94	9
Health and Safety Risk Assessment	RA/30	Tuesday 30 November 2010 6.30pm-9.30pm	Highfields Fire Station, Beeston NG9 2GQ	33	12
Gestures and Songs to support Talking Together	49CLL	Wednesday 1 December 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	The Well, Retford, DN22 7BB	115	17
Following the Code of Practice	26DC	Wednesday 1 December 2010 9.30am – 3.30pm	Springwater Golf Club NG14 6FZ	66-67	3
Safeguarding Children – Designated Person	31TD/6	Monday 6 December 2010 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Edwinstowe House, NG21 9PR	39-40	5

To book a course, download an application form from <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/tadoapplicationform.doc> and fax back to 0115 977 2437. For more information ring the training team on 0115 977 3065 or email ey&cc.training@nottscg.gov.uk

Childminders

Are you a registered childminder?

Have you visited www.nottinghamandcountychildminding.org

If not, why not??

This website is dedicated to supporting childminders across the county of Nottinghamshire and the city of Nottingham.

On-line you will find it's easy to access information and resources. It includes really useful links to partners and relevant organisations.

If you've visited the website before, you may have noticed some changes including Latest Network handouts, Childcare Book Suggestions etc. We've also added a link so that you can forward your useful contributions to the website.

Be part of it!

Nottinghamshire Childminding Services.

Thank you to our Registered Childminders and Home Carers for responding to the NCMA questionnaire for the DCATCH project

NCMA had a good response and we were astounded by the wealth of experience some of our childminders have.

We are now processing the information which you have provided and this will help us to develop solutions for any barriers and training/development opportunities.

If you would like to discuss this further then please contact: Denise Elliott, Sue Crighton or Sue O'Keeffe on 0844 225 2053

Ashfield Play Partnership Playscheme Grant

Ashfield Play Partnership has funding available for groups and organisations that provide activities or events for children and young people in Ashfield.

Applicants for Playscheme Grant Aid should be: -

1. Local groups
2. Providers of playschemes, play activities and events
3. Groups with an income of less than £10,000 p.a.

Amount of grant available - £50-£250 per group.

Any group interested in applying for Playscheme Grant Aid will need to complete an application form available from Gill Brookes on (01623) 457091 or email:

g.brookes@ashfield-dc.gov.uk

News from the early years and childcare sector websites

Department for Education

Press Notice - How budgets for the Department for Education will be affected by the Spending Review (20 October) For more information visit:-
<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/pressnotices>

National Children's Bureau (NCB)

Participation workers reveal barriers to meaningful engagement of children and young people

The National Participation Forum (NPF) officially launches the results of its latest survey today (Tuesday 12th October) revealing the views of over 280 frontline participation workers. For more information visit:-
http://www.ncb.org.uk/campaigning/media_news/2010/jul_to_dec/participation_workers_reveal_b.aspx

62% of young people fear they will be a victim of crime

Results from a survey conducted by Young NCB released 18 October reveal young people have a real fear of crime in their day to day lives. For more information visit:-
http://www.ncb.org.uk/campaigning/media_news/2010/jul_to_dec/62_of_young_people_fear_they.aspx

National Day Nursery Association (NDNA)

NDNA Shares Good Practice Examples of Supporting Childcare on Journey to Economic Recovery

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) has published a free new resource 'sustaining childcare on the journey from recession to recovery: case studies and good practice in local partnership working (6 October). For more information visit:-
<http://www.ndna.org.uk/news/press+releases/recession-case-studies>

National Childminding Association (NCMA)

Beware fraudulent tax credit claims

NCMA has been made aware by a number of childminders that people are posing as potential clients, visiting childminders and obtaining their Ofsted registration number. For more information visit:-
http://www.ncma.org.uk/news_and_events/news/july_to_december_2010/beware_fraudulent_tax_credits.aspx

Dad Camp survey

The Fatherhood Institute is planning to run a series of holiday opportunities for dads, stepdads, granddads, uncles, foster fathers etc and their children next summer – called Dad Camp.

For more information visit:-

http://www.ncma.org.uk/news_and_events/news/july_to_december_2010/dad_camp_survey.aspx

Calling inspirational women Do you know an inspirational woman?

The [Daily Mail](#) has launched the annual Inspirational Women of the Year Awards with the support of the Prime Minister's wife, Samantha Cameron. Do you know a childminder who is an inspiration? Do they inspire the children they work with, care tirelessly for disabled children, or make a difference to your life or local community? For more information visit:- http://www.ncma.org.uk/news_and_events/news/july_to_december_2010/calling_inspirational_women.aspx

Fatherhood Institute

Fatherhood Institute launches Dad Factor training package for schools. For more information visit:-

<http://www.fatherhoodinstitute.org/index.php?id=12&cID=1134>

Daycare Trust

Daycare Trust welcomes free entitlement for two-year-olds

Daycare Trust, the national childcare charity responded to the government announcement that two-year-olds from poorer families will receive the 15 hours free early years educational entitlement, which all three and four year olds currently receive.

For more information visit:-

<http://www.daycaretrust.org.uk/pages/daycare-trust-welcome-free-entitlement-for-two-year-olds-.html>

Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT)

Be bright, be seen

British Summer Time ends 31 October. And that means increased risks for child pedestrians and cyclists on their way home from school in the dusk or dark. For more information visit:-

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/be-bright-be-seen>

Parents 'shocked' to hear of blind cord risks

Feedback from our Child Safety Week evaluation reveals that many parents don't realise the dangers of blind cords for children, despite recent accidental deaths of toddlers by strangulation. For more information visit:-

<http://dev.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/parents-shocked-hear-blind-cord-risks>

A picture paints 1000 words

CAPT's Picture of Safety briefing explains why pictorial resources are so valuable when you're working with disadvantaged and vulnerable families. For more information visit:-

<http://dev.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/picture-paints-1000-words>

Remember, remember the 5th of November

CAPT predict that this year, around 500* children and their families will join the growing number of people who will remember bonfire night for the wrong reason.

For more information visit:-

<http://dev.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/remember-remember-5th-november>

Two babies die after asphyxiation from nappy sacks

Last month CAPT was told about two cases in the south-west where babies had died from asphyxia from nappy sacks.

For more information visit:-

<http://dev.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/two-babies-die-after-asphyxiation-nappy-sacks>

Learning through Landscapes

UK schools to save British fruit

Schools across the UK are transforming their grounds by planting traditional orchards in a bid to increase the numbers of these endangered habitats, as part of the new programme, 'Fruit-Full Schools' For more information visit:-

<http://www.ltl.org.uk/news.htm?t=1&item=321>

Children & Young People Now

Health, education and children's services are essential for effective early intervention, C4EO report finds. For more information, visit :-

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/Archive/1033449/Health-education-childrens-services-essential-effective-early-intervention-C4EO-report-finds/>

Vetting and barring scheme review gets underway

The vetting and barring scheme (VBS) is being reconsidered by the government under terms outlined 22 October by the Home Office. For more information visit:

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/Archive/1036628/Vetting-barring-scheme-review-gets-underway/>

Nottingham Evening Post

Nottingham schools invited to learn about the environment

SCHOOLS in Nottinghamshire are being invited to join a scheme teaching children about the environment and sustainable development.

The Yellow Woods Challenge is run in accordance with Yell and the [Woodland Trust](#) to provide teaching materials for pre-school, primary and special school pupils. For more information visit:-

<http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Nottingham-schools-invited-learn-environment/article-2718225-detail/article.html>

Worksop Guardian

Harvest festival helps a Worksop charity

STAFF and parents at North Notts College's Early Learners have supported a homeless charity. They donated boxes of food in a harvest appeal for Worksop-based Hope for the Homeless charity. For more information visit:-

<http://www.worksopguardian.co.uk/news/local-news/harvest-festival-helps-a-worksop-charity-1-632318>

Children from a Worksop nursery sowed the seeds of goodness as they took part in a special harvest festival.

Tots from Claremont House Nursery learned about how food grows and changes over the seasons. For more information visit:-

<http://www.worksopguardian.co.uk/news/harvest-festival-1-2619179>

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