

Thinking Skills - Michelle Robinson & Michelle Wall (AST's)

This workshop focuses on using practical, hands on ideas that really do work across all key stages. The activities you will participate in are good fun and will help you support all levels of learners in a creative, cross-curricular way.

Objectives:

- to provide a range of strategies and resources to inspire learning
- to use Thinking Skills across the curriculum
- to demonstrate how to use a variety of resources effectively.

Flip video and Film - Liz Kitts (ICT Advisory Teacher)

This workshop will explore the use of Flip Video cameras to support children's literacy development, observation, assessment and documentation of learning. Delegates will have the opportunity to use the cameras, explore the in-built software and develop an understanding of Windows moviemaker software.

Working with Pupils from Minority Ethnic Backgrounds - Koni Rakhit (Ethnicity, Culture and Achievement Service)

This workshop will develop an understanding of how to support pupils learning English as an Additional Language. It will provide an opportunity to share practical ideas and resources and consider how to embed cultural understanding as a seamless strand in everyday practice

Sharing Stories - Carolyn Gallagher, Kathleen Freeman & Cathy Barker-Powell (Nottinghamshire Library Service)

A workshop to explore sharing stories with children (from Foundation Stage to Key Stage 2) including hints and tips for reading aloud, extending stories and encouraging a love of reading. An opportunity to look at recommended titles. An interactive session with a chance to share ideas and enjoy a story!

Be Inspired! Creative Ideas to motivate learners – Zoe Fletcher (AST)

A practical workshop with ideas to stimulate learners of all levels using digital film clips, drama and easy to use video cameras and microphones. Don't be daunted – it is fun and guaranteed to extend your 'toolkit' working with children!

Supporting Children with Transition - Sarah Bentley

This workshop will help TA's consider how to help children develop emotional resilience and how to use think books, positive diaries and listening tokens to help children still feel supported. The workshop will look at how you can work with your own schools to create calm and positive values, rewards, sanctions and lunchtime policies that help all children to feel emotionally safe. It will consider the importance of transitional rituals – like circle time, circles of friends, playground friends and community task forces at lunch time

The benefits of outdoor activity - Rachel Brooke

Rachel will draw upon her experience of work with children aged 3 -16 in outdoor play and educational contexts. She will explore the benefits and principles of being outside with children and delegates will discover simple approaches relevant for different aged children, within a variety of settings. Rachel Brooke is Education Worker at St Ann's Community Orchard. The Orchard provides a safe, natural and exciting place for children to learn and explore. Activities include: food growing, harvesting, environmental arts, crafts, wildlife, story-telling and drama. **Please note that this will be a fun, practical workshop outdoors. Delegates are advised to dress accordingly.**

Time for Change: Making transition work from a child-centred perspective - Penny Tassoni (Author, Trainer and Educational Consultant)

This workshop will provide practical advice and tips and will look at the importance of well-planned and smooth transitions. It will consider the needs of children and their parents and ways in which practitioners can ensure that settling in and moving between settings is effective.

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School:

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Preferred date and venue:

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Introduction

Nottinghamshire County Council is pleased to invite you to the Nottinghamshire Primary Teaching Assistant and Support Staff Conferences 2010.

Keynote speeches will be given by Richard Gerver or Sarah Bentley.

Richard Gerver



Richard started his working life as an actor and began his teaching career in 1992. He rose through the ranks being identified by the school's inspectorate in 1997 as one of the most outstanding teachers in the country.

In 2005 he won the "School Head Teacher of the Year Award" for his work in leading a school on the brink of closure to becoming one of the most innovative in the world. Gerver now works around the world, sharing his expertise and experience on cultural and organizational transformation, human development, leadership, creativity and innovation. He still plays a part in education and has just co-founded The International Curriculum Foundation which will help schools and authorities around the world to develop education systems that reflect the challenges facing our children in their future.

Sarah Bentley



Sarah was a teacher for 7 years and saw first hand how valuable the concept of Quality Circle Time could be. Following on from her training with Jenny Mosely, she was invited to take 'time out' of teaching to promote the Quality Circle Time model across the country to schools, early years partnerships and LA's. Since joining the Jenny Mosley consultancy permanently Sarah has had the opportunity to travel extensively in the UK and also represented the consultancy internationally in Chile, Thailand, Egypt as well as Spain and Ireland.

Wednesday 14th April • Bestwood Lodge Hotel
Workshop 1 • Thinking Skills
Workshop 2 • Flip Video and Film
Workshop 3 • Supporting Children with Transition

Thursday 15th April • Derbyshire Hotel

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Thursday 20th May • Bestwood Lodge Hotel

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Workshop 3 • The Benefits of Outdoor Activity

Thursday 27th May • West Retford Hotel

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Wednesday 16th June • Clumber Park Hotel

Workshop 1 • Flip Video and Film
Workshop 2 • Sharing Stories
Workshop 3 • Time for Change

Friday 25th June • Derbyshire Hotel

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Morning

09.00 - 09.15 Registration & refreshments
09.15 - 09.20 Welcome & introduction
09.20 - 09.55 Keynote address
09.55 - 10.30 Networking and feedback session
10.30 - 11.00 Refreshments
11.00 - 12.00 Workshop

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

Afternoon

13.00 - 14.00 Workshop
14.00 - 14.30 Refreshments
14.30 - 15.30 Workshop