

NEEC 09 PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 09

Pre-conference workshops on Teacher Development at University of Chester.

Wednesday afternoon sessions all take place at **Weatherhead High School Media Arts College**

2pm **Welcome and Presidential Address**, Baroness Estelle Morris.

2.30pm **Keynote 1** – Liz Railton CBE (*Director, Together for Children, former DCS and Deputy CX Essex*) and Peter Fahy (*Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police*);

“New Tricks - Learning from Public Care and Public Protection”...

Conference themes from Social Care and Criminal Justice perspectives with a particular focus on workforce development – what are the shared current issues, where are the parallels, the different challenges, the strengths that staff with roots in Social Care and Public Protection bring to the multi-professional table?

3.20pm **Question Time** on the theme, "Learning from the Each Other, Building for the Future". Compere: Jim Hancock (*formerly BBC Political Editor in the North West*). Panellists:

Baroness Estelle Morris
Peter Fahy
Liz Railton, CBE
Right Reverend David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham

4pm Performance extravaganza – throughout building

5pm Civic Reception and Welcome from the Council.

Delegates depart (conference transport provided)

Wednesday evening entertainments take place at **Thornton Hall Hotel**.

Guests will have the choice of:

- *the Wirral schools music showcase and ‘Scouse’ Supper;*
- *an Italian evening with light music;*
- *an informal bistro with light food and spa treatment;*
- *a private restaurant meal.*

Delegates will be returned to their hotels

(Delegates may of course choose to make their own arrangements for the evening.)

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY 2009

Chester Racecourse Conference Centre

Keynotes and Masterclasses

Thursday and Friday sessions will take place at **Chester Racecourse**. They will consist of keynote addresses linked to the theme of the conference and designed to appeal to the perspectives of each target group of delegates. There will be a **Masterclass Programme** across Thursday and Friday. There will be four strands, each containing at least five individual Masterclasses:

Theme P:	Policy into Practice - the Political Dimension
Theme W:	Growing Our People - the Workforce Dimension
Theme R:	Evidence Informed Policy and Practice - the Research Dimension
Theme H:	Making the Health Partnership Work – Partnership Dimension

All strands contain Masterclasses with an international perspective. Some draw on experience in Northern Europe - "The Northern Lights" series of speakers. **Each delegate will be able to attend three Masterclasses** during the conference, and it will be possible to follow a single strand or to mix and match.

PROGRAMME:

Delegates will be transported from their hotels to the Chester Racecourse where all Friday sessions will be held.

8.30am	Coffee and pastries – TV/Film presentations.
9.15am	Welcome to delegates from the University of Chester's Vice-Chancellor Professor Tim Wheeler and Dean of the Faculty of Education and Children's Services, Anna Sutton
9.25 – 10.20am	<u>KEYNOTE 2:</u> Professor Sir David Watson <i><u>"Lifelong Learning and the Future of Higher Education"</u></i>
10.30 – 11am	Coffee
11am– 12noon	MASTERCLASS Session 1
12noon–1.30pm	Fringe meetings, networking, exhibition and LUNCH
1.30 – 2.30pm	<u>KEYNOTE 3:</u> Dame Gillian Pugh & Christine Davies, CBE <i><u>"Growing People to Close the Gap"</u></i> <i>Narrowing the Gap – Getting it right for Primary Schools. Centre for Excellence and Outcomes</i>
2.30 – 3.30pm	MASTERCLASS Session 2
3.30 – 4pm	Tea, networking and exhibition
4pm	The President sums up the day's business
4.15pm	The Secretary of State
5pm	Delegates depart, transport to hotels.
EVENING	Conference Dinner at Thornton Hall Hotel

THE MASTERCLASSES

Strand P: Policy into Practice – The Political Dimension

P1: "Are you being serious?" **Running Thursday a.m. and Friday a.m.**
****Sponsored by LS Trillium**

Maureen McDaid, Head of Service, Wirral Council with other Beacon Services.
How can you, as a Children's Service authority or provider, genuinely involve young people in making decisions that matter – and make a difference?

P2 "Surviving and Thriving as an Urban Leader" **Running Thursday a.m.**
Phil Duffy (Headteacher, Wallasey School, Wirral)
Leading urban Communities and Schools

P3 "Making Scrutiny Work" **Running Thursday a.m.**
Jessica Crowe, Centre for Public Scrutiny.
Effective public scrutiny for service improvement – going beyond the ritual and getting good outcomes.

P4 "Rising to the Challenge" **Running Thursday p.m. and Friday a.m.**
Martin Rogers, The Children's Services Network
The National Challenge – what are the implications for Local Authorities corporately?

P5 "Every Dutch Child Matters" **Running Thursday p.m. and Friday a.m.**
**** Sponsored by Children and Young People Now**
John Bos (Deputy for Flevoland) and Nelly den Os (Provincial Advisor) and Fred Meijer (Rentray Centre)
The Netherlands has implemented radical changes to Children's Services, parallel to Every Child Matters. What can we learn from the Dutch experience?

P6 "Educational Reform for School Achievement in Finland" **Running Thursday a.m. and p.m.**
Dr Rauno Jarnilla (Helsinki Education Department).
Finland stands out as an international school achiever – how do they do it? Which Government interventions seem to work?

P7 "Children's Trusts – are they working?" **Running Thursday a.m. and Friday a.m.**
Roger Sykes, Audit Commission.
Building on their report and the Government's proposals for new legislation to clarify the nature and role of Children's Trusts, where are we going, how do we get there, who can help, who gets in the way?

Strand W: Growing our People – The Workforce Dimension

W1: "Learning Outside our Boundaries"

Running Thursday p.m.

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Martin Jones, Workforce Development Co-ordinator Learn Together Partnership (Merseyside sub regional authorities and partners)

How can we work across Local Authority boundaries, in partnership with HE, to transform the children's workforce?

W2: "Beyond the School Gates"

Running Thursday p.m. and Friday a.m.

Maggie Farrar, National College for School Leadership, partner agencies and local authorities.

What are the demands on school leaders and governors in developing staff for extended school services? How do our partners feel?

W3: "Developing Children's Services Managers and Leaders"

Running Friday a.m.

Anton Florek, Virtual Staff College

How can we grow the officers of the future to fulfil the highly demanding roles of leadership in children's services?

W4: "People Fit for Children"

Running Thursday p.m. and Friday a.m.

****Sponsored by CWDC**

Dr Maggie Atkinson (ADCS) and Jane Haywood (CWDC),

What are the outcomes and prospects from the National Expert Group on Children's Services to create an outstanding workforce for the future?

W5: "First Frontier"

Running Thursday a.m.

****Sponsored by SERCO**

Maxine Bretherton- Budd, Children Together and Early Years specialists.

How can we build more widely on our Early Years experience to develop an excellent children's workforce for the future?

W6: "Transforming Teaching for 2012"

Running Thursday p.m.

Sara Morgan, GTCE; Linda Rowe, TDA; and Phillipa Cordingley, CUREE.

What are the new directions for initial teacher training and professional development and how does the 'Masters in Teaching and Learning' fit in?

W7: "Africa – tough arenas for developing teachers" **Running Thursday a.m.**

Dr Carol van der Westhuizen, University of Pretoria and NW Universities Deans of Education.

What can we learn from teacher training in high challenge settings building on the South African experience?

R: Evidence Informed Policy and Practice – Research Dimension

R1: "Stew, Soup or Smoothie?"

Running Friday a.m.

****Sponsored by TERN**

Prof Rob Hulme, University of Chester with Pete Grady, Liverpool John Moore's University.

How can we grow local capacity for multi-professional working for Children, Young People and Families?

R2: "Creativity and Culture – Every Talent Matters" Running Thursday p.m.

Pat Cochrane, CapeUK, Prof Allan Owens, University of Chester/ NW Arts Learning Consortium.

Creativity is vital for learning and well being but what are we doing to maximise the creative capacity and capability of children, young people and the adults who support them? What action can Children's Services take now to develop the talents of every child?

R3: "Closing the Inequality Gap"

Running Thursday a.m. and p.m.

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Prof Alan Dyson, Manchester University's Centre for Equity in Education.

Local authority case studies. What are the local authority and school federation experiences of reducing inequalities of life and learning?

R4: "Improve Or Else?"

Running Thursday a.m. and p.m.

**** Sponsored by Hochtief**

Prof Mel Ainscow, University of Manchester and Manchester Challenge –

What is the experience of school improvement in the London and Manchester Challenge style?

R5: "Developing Leaders Fast"

Running Friday a.m.

Prof Peter Earley, London Centre for Leadership in Learning.

What has Accelerated Leadership Development taught us about improving leadership capacity in London and Manchester?

R6: "Child Protection with Fewer Tears"

Running Thursday p.m. and Friday a.m.

Eleni Ioannides, DCS Bury and Andrew Webb, DCS Stockport with Andrew Finnegan, Head of Outdoor Education Cheshire.

How can we safeguard children without undermining their resilience and restricting their learning? Are we too risk averse? How does the Government's latest review fit in?

R7: "Families up North"

Running Friday a.m.

Prof David Thorpe, University of Trondheim.

How can we support children and families? –

Learning from Norway – a different perspective on childhood and supporting family life.

H: Making the Health Partnership Work – Partnership Dimension

H1: “Our Choice”

****Sponsored by the Department of Health**

Running Friday a.m.

Avril Howarth, National Support Team (Sexual Health), Penny Cook, (alcohol researcher) Liverpool John Moores University, Ann Hoskins, Acting Director Young People and Maternal Health, NHS NW.

Developing a shared understanding with Health partners of the choices young people make in relation to sexual health and “risky drinking” - new directions and priorities for action.

H2: "Overweight and Under Achieving"

Running Thursday p.m.

Prof Mike Thomas, Dean Faculty Health & Social Care, University Chester

Joint examination with health experts of the link between obesity and under-achievement – priorities for tackling health and learning inequalities – what can we do together?

H3: "Healthy Minds in Healthy Bodies"

Running Thursday a.m.

**** Sponsored by Children and Young People Now**

Jo Davidson, DCS Gloucestershire, Chair National CAMHS Review.

Exploration with health partners of shared mental health promotion strategies, emotional intelligence and effective practice in the light of the CAMHS review – collaboration that delivers outcomes?

H4: "Healthy Cyber-Space"

Running Thursday p.m.

Nickianne Moody Liverpool John Moore’s University.

Safe Surfing, Culture and Media Education: perspectives on safe surfing and internet regulation from children, young people and family members.

H5 “Wellbeing – Challenge and Response for Schools in Finland”

Running Friday a.m.

Dr Eeva Penttila (Head of International Relations, Helsinki Education Department).

How does Finland embrace the concept of wellbeing in a high achieving school system and respond to tragic high profile events?

FRIDAY 9 JANUARY 2009

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8.30am Coffee and pastries - TV/Film presentations.

9.30am **Welcome**

9.35 - 10.20am **KEYNOTE 4:** Dr David Colin-Thomé

“Working with Health - a GP Perspective

10.30am **Masterclass Session 3**

11.20am **Coffee**

***11.40am** **Political Arena:**

- 11.40am David Willetts MP (Con) Shadow Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities & Skills
- 12.10pm Annette Brooke MP (Lib Dem) Shadow Minister for Children, Young People and Families (tbc)

12.40 – 12.50pm **2010 invitation from York**

12.50 – 1.15pm **President’s Closing Speech**

1.30pm Optional post-conference LUNCH in ‘1539 ‘ The Racecourse’s own restaurant, including 20% delegate discount

(N.B. Please remember to hand in your completed evaluations before leaving.)

Delegates depart.

We hope you enjoyed your stay and look forward to welcoming you back to Wirral and Chester soon.