

Shaping Playwork for the Future
(The Playwork Profession and Workforce Development Conference)
Wednesday 17th November 2010 10:00am – 4:00pm

VENUE

**The Aston Hotel
Newton Park
Coatham Mundeville
Darlington
Co Durham
DL1 3NL**

- Are you a Playwork employer or manager?
- Are you involved in Playwork in some other capacity?
- Are you a playworker, needing information on career development or are you considering a career in Playwork?
- Are you struggling to understand Playwork and the training and qualification requirements?

.....then this is for **YOU**

Objectives for the day:-

The aim of the Conference is to raise the profile of Playwork as a profession and develop a better understanding of its culture and the focus on the child. Also to emphasise the importance of workforce development in the Playwork sector and update on the career structure and training and qualifications route for Playworkers.

Keynote Speaker - John Thorpe – Operations Director – SkillsActive Technical Services will open the conference with an update on the new UK Play and Playwork Education and Skills Strategy 2011-2016, the success of the Playwork level 3 project and generally relay the latest SkillsActive news and developments.

The programme is planned to be very interactive and will involve delegates in a 'Walking the Wheel' session to look at how Playwork moves forward, what the future holds and how we learn from the lessons of the past !

There will be an opportunity to attend two of the following workshops/discussion groups:-

- 1 **Risky Play–indoors** - consultant Chris Taylor will give you the opportunity to explore a "bit of theory" and its application to risky indoor playwork.
- 2 **The Active Play and Early Years project** – Play England will provide an opportunity to discover the findings of the pilot project, followed by a taster session focusing on the physically active play training available to childcare workers.
- 3 **Kids – Can We Do It? Yes We Can!** - An interactive workshop to look at including disabled children into playwork settings and services. We will look at why inclusion matters, what we mean by inclusion, the perceived barriers to inclusion and how playworkers can confidently include disabled children into the settings and services where they work.
- 4 **SkillsActive new level 2 Qualification – writing Job Description's through NOS** - using the new National Occupational Standards to recruit, this workshop will explore the new Level 2 Diploma in Playwork and look at how to use the Level 2 National Occupational Standards to recruit Playworkers.
- 5 **Northumberland Play Project & Ability to Play** –The presentation and workshop will be around Northumberland County Council's innovative approach to delivering Play opportunities by supporting the local communities to develop needs led Play projects.
- 6 **SHD 14 – 19 diploma** – interactive workshop – the benefits of applied learning in diplomas.
- 7 **Higher Education Qualifications for Playworkers – Towards Integrated working** The workshop will look at the new Gateshead College Working with Children Foundation Degree and how the playwork sector have led the way in developing a new integrated qualification for the children's workforce which is underpinned by playwork principles, which includes creativity and play, adventurous play and play, development and learning.

There will also be networking opportunities and the chance to visit exhibition stands

This event is FREE

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