

Extended services newsletter

April 2009

Welcome to the April edition of ContinYou extended services newsletter. In this edition you will find:

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Extended services disadvantage subsidy national trial

The extended services disadvantage subsidy has started a national trial during 2009-10. The subsidy provides funds for schools to support children and young people who are disadvantaged by economic circumstances, and children in care, to enable them to access the varied menu of activities element of extended services.

Schools in 37 clusters across 18 local authorities have been acting as pathfinders since 2008. These pathfinders are already demonstrating the impact that the subsidy can make for those who have limited ability to pay. A head-teacher in one of the pathfinders said recently "Without a shadow of doubt this is the most positive, child centred, easy to access 'project' that I've been involved with - probably since I started teaching".

The funding will be available to schools in one or more clusters in each local authority during 2009-10, to help prepare for all schools using the subsidy during 2010-11.

New parent support adviser (PSA) resource published

The latest in a series of resources for PSAs has been published by the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA).

'Parent Support Advisers - Practice and Impact, spring 2009' looks at the effective deployment and supervision of PSAs, how to measure the impact they have and how they can contribute to narrowing the attainment gap and well-being. There is information on the latest training and qualifications and a section on other relevant resources.

The publication, which includes a wall chart of the PSA functional map detailing the functions of the PSA role, can be ordered for free from publications@tda.gov.uk or 0845 6060323 and can be downloaded, along with guidance on how the functional map can be used, from the [TDA website](#).

Events

Working with Children & Young People Show

Children & Young People Now
19 and 20 May 2009, Brompton Hall in Earl's Court, London

Children & Young People Now is to stage a pioneering new show for everyone who works to deliver the Every Child Matters agenda locally. The event is open to anyone working in education, childcare, health, social care, youth work and community work. As well as a range of exhibitors, interactive workshops will run throughout the event, organised in five streams: play; health and well-being; positive activities for young people; children's centres and extended services; and leadership and collaboration. There will also be a seminar bringing together government policy makers with decision makers in LAs.

Further information about the show is available at the [show website](#).

LGiU Delivering sustainable schools - linking children's wellbeing and the environment - (20/5/2009)

Every school should be a sustainable school by 2020. To meet this government target children's services need to be working now to integrate sustainability into all aspects of school life. Sustainable schools can contribute to a range of local authority programmes to deliver sustainable communities. In addition, reports from the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Sustainable Development Commission show that sustainable development provides a powerful mode of delivery for the five Every Child Matters outcomes.

This seminar will help you to understand how sustainable schools can both prepare children for the future and support school improvement. It will introduce the government's National Framework and self evaluation for sustainable schools, which will help you identify ways that schools can develop sustainability practices.

To book a place on-line visit the [Local Government information unit website](#).

Sing Up Beyond the Mainstream Summit - July 3rd 2009

Sing Up are holding a 1 day summit, looking at how singing can benefit primary-aged children who are outside, or not engaging with, mainstream education. As well as bringing in specialist speakers and running practical workshops, we will be drawing upon findings from 13 projects we have been running across the country using singing with:

Looked After Children
SEN schools
PRUs
Children with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
Disabled Children
Children with Mental Health problems
Children from Refugee and Asylum Seeker families

We are looking to invite people from a diverse range of backgrounds to join us in discussing the issues surrounding engaging with these groups and looking at how singing can be beneficial.

If you think you may be interested please contact Jo Hunter jo.hunter@singup.org

FACE (Forum for Access and Continuing Education) conference

The theme of the conference is "Towards a New Agenda for Lifelong Learning: Access, Diversity and Participation" in July 2009 and Keynote Speakers include:

- Professor Stephen Gorard - Chair in Education Research University of Birmingham and principal author of *Overcoming the Barriers to Higher Education*
- Professor Christine King - Vice Chancellor Staffordshire University and leader of the DIUS commissioned report on part-time study
- Professor Mike Osborne - Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning, University of Glasgow and Co-director of the PASCAL Observatory
- Ms Barbara Waters - Chief Executive, Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities

Information about the conference can be found on the [FACE website](#). Bookings for the conference can be made using this [online form](#) and abstracts can also be submitted via the [Staffordshire University website](#).

Opportunities

Eggs Factor to get kids into kitchens

British Lion eggs have launched the Eggs Factor, a nationwide competition to get kids cooking. Aimed at Key Stage 2 students, the Cracking Eggs website has interactive learning materials to help kids develop recipes inspired by their favourite character or celebrity.

The 72 children with the most imaginative and tasty recipes will compete for a place in the final at 12 regional cook-offs taking place between 1-19 June. All cook-off participants will receive £100 for their school, and the regional winner will take home a Nintendo DSi console with a 'Cooking Guide: Can't Decide What to Eat?' game.

The Eggs Factor champion will have their recipe published in one of Annabel Karmel's forthcoming cookbooks and win an eggciting culinary weekend in London.

You can enter online at the [Eggs Factor](#) website. But be quick as entries closes on May 5.

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Funding

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Children & Young People now

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