

'Your Nursery Business' Seminar Programme

Each business seminar is free to attend on a 'Drop-In' basis

Friday 25th June

11.00am

Eating Well for Under 5's – How to achieve the Caroline Walker Trust's nutritional standards



Are your menus healthy? Do you understand the unique nutritional needs of infants? Could good nutrition give you the marketing edge?

Robert Hobson (Nutritionist) will demonstrate Nutmeg's Menu Planner for Under 5's, showing how easy it is to plan nutritionally balanced menus within a budget, and how to use this to market your nursery.

"Eating well for Under 5s" will demonstrate a unique menu planner for nurseries. This is highly relevant in the wake of the LACORS report which was very scathing about Nursery Food. The program is based on the nutritional standards recommended in the Caroline Walker Trust report of the same name "Eating well for Under 5s" and incorporates the database of around 750 recipes that the Food Standards Agency commissioned for that report.

12 Noon

Fixing a hole - funding streams for business



Julian Gibbs, National Development Manager, NDNA

This presentation will examine the impact of the economic downturn on childcare businesses and explore the funding streams available to providers. It will also look at how you can survive the downturn.

12.40pm

Commitment to the Commitments of the Early Years Foundation Stage

When presented in the literature, the Themes, Principles and Commitments of the Early Years Foundation Stage appear linear and un-connected. However, the 'Flexigons' demonstrate the degree to which the EYFS is holistic; inter-connected and inter-dependent. Using the Flexigons it is possible to step inside a curriculum, discover the possibilities and make new significant connections. There are a staggering 2,379,456 possible combinations in which the EYFS Flexigons can be arranged and still connect. Explore your provision in the light of this interactive seminar.

1.30pm

Creative Teaching for Tomorrow



This seminar explores the characteristics of creative teachers and identifies the behaviours and environments that support the development of these attributes. If the teachers of tomorrow are to support the learners of tomorrow then the significance of creativity has to be acknowledged, explored and embedded within teaching and learning experiences. We cannot continue to teach in environments designed to support the Industrial Revolution.

Speaker notes: Rob Dembrey and Beth Harris are both Early Years Consultants for Future Creative and lead our Early Years delivery team. Rob has worked within the Early Years Sector for over 12 years. Beth has a wide experience of the Early Years sector. After achieving a degree in teaching, Beth managed a playgroup, before working in both the nursery and reception of a maintained nursery.

2.30pm

Quality improvement – a never ending journey



Alan Rawnsley, Quality Counts Project Manager

The second seminar will focus on workforce development and quality improvement and will be titled 'Quality improvement - a never ending journey'.

Saturday 26th June

11.00am

Embedding Sensory Play Experiences in the Learning Environment



According to a Sensory Play Research project launched in May 2009, 82% of adults feel that children's play has changed. Children are playing less outside, more with plastic and manufactured toys, less with their siblings and parents. Yet this is at odds with the fact that 68% of adults' most vivid childhood memories involved play outdoors. Making mud pies, rose petal perfume, building dens, and running naked barefoot were just some of the recollections to emerge. Treasure Baskets - baskets of sensory-rich natural and everyday objects, have been singled out for their benefits for sensory stimulation, exploration, investigation, creativity, imagination and developing focus and attention (as well as a raft of other benefits). This session suggests how treasure baskets can help compensate for children's limited access to multi-sensory experiences, sharing the wonders, benefits and potential use of treasure baskets with children aged birth to 6 years plus. The seminar will give a taste of what children (and practitioners) gain from using such sensory rich resources and how children up to the age of 19 years with Special Educational Needs are benefitting also. This lively session will also share some of the key findings and observations from the Sensory Play Research project.

SPEAKER: Sue Gascoyne, Nursery World Trainer of the Year, 2009 launched the Sensory Play Research project in her capacity as Managing Director of Play to Z Ltd.

12.15pm

Taste for Life – join our lifetime food adventure!

Discover **Taste for Life**, the new pre-school education programme being launched by Organix at the Nursery Show 2010.

Taste for Life is a new, interactive and educational way of introducing and presenting fruit and vegetables to children, in a completely different context to that of mealtimes, helping them to explore and enjoy good food from a young age and develop healthier eating habits for a lifetime.

Come and join this exclusive seminar at the Nursery Show to find out more about the innovative new programme, which will be available free online and in print to nurseries. At the seminar, you will have the chance to try out some of the **Taste for Life** activities, led by Lucy Thomas, who developed the programme with Organix. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A on introducing young children to healthy food at the seminar, or at the Taste for Life stand S77.

Speaker: Lucy Thomas, author and creator of the *Mange Tout™* book and classes which teach children to love fruit and vegetables without tears. Organix make pure, nutritious organic foods for babies and children to find out more visit www.organix.com

1.30pm

EYFS assessment arrangements - manageable or not?



Ofqual is the independent regulator of general and vocational qualifications in England and the regulator of vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland. Their work ensures that children, young people and adult learners get the results their work deserves. Julie Wilson, Early Years Manager, will be presenting a seminar on the manageability of early years foundation stage assessments.

Julie Wilson, Early Years Manager, work experience covers EYFS (early years foundation stage) and KS1 (key stage1). Julie has previously worked as a Local Authority and KS1 SATs moderator and taught and advised on early years abroad including in Nepal.

2.00pm

Music to Encourage Movement and build Pre-Literacy skills – part one



This workshop will gently take you through a mix of songs and activities to encourage children's active participation. Tango with a Mango, stomp with dinosaurs, and build roads with the diggers and pavers. Songs in the workshop promote laterality and independent movement of each side of the body. Try to co-ordinate the one-Sided Dance or draw a square with your elbow and foot. Develop balance and movement in activities appropriate for young children.

3.00pm

Music to Encourage Movement and build Pre-Literacy skills – part two

The learning is not all physical. Songs to teach colour, numbers, fine motor skills, Positional language as well as working with partners, supporting each other and learning to share. Creativity, imagination and core strength are developed as well as healthy eating in Mango Tango and Giant's Breakfast.

Your tutor is Kim Pott