

First hand experience: what matters to children

Conference and further professional development day

devised and led by members of the *What Matters to Children team

Friday 19 October and 16 November

***special rates for booking one delegate for both days or two delegates on the same day

at the

Science Learning Centre: Bayfordbury, Hertford SG13 8LD
(9.00 for registration and refreshments) 9.30-3.45



Day conference with workshops and a further professional development day to promote first hand experiences for all children and examine some of the principles that are the basis of effective learning and teaching.

These days are aimed at all those who work with children aged 3-8 and beyond and are based on the successful book **First hand experience: what matters to children** by Diane Rich, Denise Casanova, Annabelle Dixon, Mary Jane Drummond, Andrea Durrant and Cathy Myer.



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All days are underpinned by the principles of

- first hand experience as a necessary and significant element in learning and childhood
- intellectual engagement and emotional involvement: what matters to children
- adult involvement in learning: what educators can do to provide, organise, and value worthwhile first hand experiences
- children as powerful learners: people who think for themselves and who use their hands, eyes, ears, and their whole bodies to explore the world and everything and everyone in it
- celebrating the diversity of the world's resources and using them as a springboard for children's learning.

Further professional development days

- develop the work introduced on conference days
- consider how work from previous sessions has made an impact on children's learning
- identify next steps for developments in schools and settings.

*Further professional development days are designed for those who have attended **First hand experience: what matters to children** conferences at the Science Learning Centre for the East of England (SLCEE) or elsewhere in the UK.

Fees

Fees include workshop materials, delegate packs (*with a free copy of the book on 19 October conference day*), refreshments, lunches, parking and access to the grounds and onsite planetarium of the Science Learning Centre.

*The **What Matters to Children** team includes

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All days include key note sessions as well as workshops based on an alphabet of learning from the real world

Friday 19 October 2007 workshops

Book one place for £85 inc VAT, or two places on this day for only £130 inc VAT or a place on both days for £135 inc VAT



Including one free copy worth £25 per single booking or per pair

C is for collections

Sorting, classifying, making order and pattern. This practical workshop explores the way children make sense of the real chaotic world through their own and others' collections. Delegates will be introduced to the big ideas and what matters to children when they explore the world through collections.

Q is for questions

This reflective workshop explores the questions of children. Workshop participants will think about the different kinds of questions educators use and the effect these have on children's thinking, explore ways of using questions more effectively, consider ways of using children's questions as starting points for learning, be introduced to ways of encouraging, recording and valuing children's questions as well as consider the importance of establishing a culture where asking questions comes naturally to children.

*Delegates will work outside in the beautiful grounds of the Science Learning Centre and need to bring suitable clothing and footwear.

Friday 16 November 2007 workshops

Book one place for £75 inc VAT, or two places on this day for only £120 inc VAT; or a place on both days for £135 inc VAT

N is for night

This practical workshop considers many ways in which children can be explorers of the night time world. Delegates work in the onsite indoor planetarium for part of this workshop and will be introduced to the big ideas and what matters to children associated with night.

*Delegates can stay on for the Science Learning Centre open evening to meet the residential astronomer and see the outside telescopes.

E is for enemies

This reflective workshop examines children's powerful thinking, the big ideas explored and what matters to children as they try to make sense of their place in the world. The role of the educator is also considered in light of the theme of 'enemies'.

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Friday 19 October 2007 conference day

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I would like to book _____ set/s of two places for £130 per pair inc VAT (one free book per pair)

***Friday 16 November 2007 further professional development day**

I would like to book _____ place/s at £75 each inc VAT;

I would like to book _____ set/s of two places for £120 per pair inc VAT

*I have attended a conference day at _____

The workshops I took I have taken part in are _____

Both days

I would like to book _____ set/s of places on both days at £135 per pair inc VAT

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Age group supported _____

Organisation/setting/school _____

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