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## First hand experience what matters to children

### the publication

- promotes first hand experiences for all children
- offers an alphabet of real experiences and enquiries underpinned by what matters to children
- is aimed at all those who work with children aged 3 to 8.

The authors are a team of experienced and respected education consultants who are concerned that many children today are starved of first hand experiences. They are committed to bringing the real world back into children's lives and learning.

The book takes the form of an alphabet of real experiences. Each page has been developed as a springboard from which children and educators can launch themselves into the beautiful, mysterious, physical world in which we all live.

It will be essential reading for everyone working with children from 3 to 8 or even beyond. Student teachers, nursery nurses and those studying for VQs could also benefit from this book.

*Book reviewer*

... very readable ... thought provoking ... user friendly ... inspirational ...

*Practitioners*

## First hand experience what matters to children



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# First hand experience what matters to children

This is the first in a series of publications which can be supported by conferences led by its authors. With many years of experience in professional development, conference design and delivery, we offer large or small conferences with keynotes and practical workshops to promote **First hand experience: what matters to children**.

Following the initial conference we can offer further keynotes, workshops or seminars, for smaller groups and individual settings in your local area.

## The authors

- **Diane Rich** was formerly chief executive of a leading national early years charity. She currently runs **Rich Learning Opportunities**: keeping creativity, first hand experience and play at the heart of children's learning.
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- **Annabelle Dixon**'s classroom was, in the words of a friend, 'a place of genuine intellectual search'. She is committed to offering first hand experiences to children as the essential basis for such a search.
- **Mary Jane Drummond** is a writer and researcher with an abiding interest in young children's learning. She has recently retired from the Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge.
- **Andrea Durrant** is a freelance consultant in early years and primary education. Her mission is to bring back creativity into children's learning.
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## the conferences

The publication can be launched and supported in your area by a conference with keynote presentations and workshops.

Speakers at the conferences will

- offer an extended definition of 'first hand experience'
- explore 'what matters to children'
- consider why first hand experiences are important for children's learning
- examine the role of adults in making first hand experiences worthwhile for children
- introduce the publication and demonstrate how it can be used, through practical workshops.

The book has been trialled by practitioners in different settings nationwide.

“ It re-inspired us as a staff, taking us out of autopilot and complacency. ”

“ The children went home excited and focused on what they were doing. ”

“ Parents told me that for the first time they felt part of their child's world at school because they really understood what learning was all about. ”

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**Proposed conference dates** (if known)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2005

\_\_\_\_\_ 2006

\_\_\_\_\_ 2007

I have responsibility for organising conferences yes/no

I will be able to arrange a suitable venue yes/no

I can make all necessary catering arrangements yes/no

I will be able to distribute publicity material yes/no

I will be able to manage contacts with delegates yes/no

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