

Working for Inclusion in Europe:

How early childhood education and care (ECEC) and its workforce can help Europe's youngest citizens

An interactive seminar exploring how we can do more for Europe's youngest citizens

European Parliament Brussels
9 December 2010 10.00 - 15.30

Keynote Speakers:

- **Margarida Gameiro**, Head of Unit, DG Education & Culture A.2
- **Adam Ingram MSP**, Minister for Children and Early Years, Scotland
- **Stig Lund**, European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE)
- **Benoît Parmentier**, Director General, Office de la Naissance et de l'Enfance, Communauté française de Belgique
- **Bronwen Cohen**, Director, *Working for Inclusion* programme
- **John Bennett and Peter Moss**, Researchers, *Working for Inclusion* programme
- **Jean-Marc Nollet**, Vice-président et Ministre de l'Enfance, de la Recherche et de la Fonction publique du Gouvernement de la Communauté française de Belgique
- **Nora Milotay**, Policy Officer, EC DG EAC, School Education, Comenius
- **Jana Hainsworth**, Secretary General, Eurochild AISBL, Brussels



Chair:

- **Mary Honeyball MEP**
Reporter EP Culture and Education Committee on benefits of early learning

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About the seminar

Taking a European wide perspective on the early years workforce, and its role in fostering social inclusion, a roster of high profile speakers will lead discussion on the integration of the early years workforce, together with programme partners: Aldo Fortunati, La Bottega di Geppetto, Italy; Teresa Ogrodinska, Comenius Foundation for Child Development, Poland; Wenche Rønning, Nordland Research Institute, Norway and Bronwen Cohen, Children in Scotland, Scotland and Programme Director, *Working for Inclusion*.

Delegates will hear how EU policy is being developed, including the key findings from the 'Working for Inclusion' project, and they will have an opportunity to contribute to that development.

Join us in the European Parliament in Brussels for a cross-European dialogue about improving outcomes for our youngest citizens.

Who should attend?

This interactive seminar is relevant for all those involved in the children's services workforce with specific relevance to:

- MEPs, national, regional and local elected members and officers
- Civil Servants
- Directors of Education services
- Teachers and Pedagogues
- Nursery and kindergarten staff
- Social Workers and care providers
- Unions with an interest in children's services



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Working for Inclusion in Europe The project

Working for inclusion is a programme which has been examining the role of early childhood education and care services and their workforce in reducing child poverty and promoting social inclusive societies. It has encompassed a major EU-wide research programme and a series of study visits, seminars and conferences to encourage discussion and debate. Funded under the EU progress programme with support from the Scottish Government, it has brought together politicians at local, national and at an EU level with policy makers and practitioners.

The partners and their project themes

Children in Scotland

Children in Scotland is the membership body for all those working with and for children, young people and their families throughout Scotland.

The themed visit to Scotland examined diversity, in particular ethnicity, language, disability and gender - for more information see study visit report
www.childreninscotland.org.uk/docs/WFIDiv_Rep.pdf

La Bottega di Geppetto, San Miniato, Italy

San Miniato is a municipality in Italy's Tuscan region. La Bottega di Geppetto is an early childhood research and documentation centre and is led by Aldo Fortunati, who had a strong relationship with Loris Malaguzzi and the Reggio Emilia experience.

The themed visit to San Miniato focused on the child as the protagonist - for more information see study visit report
www.childreninscotland.org.uk/docs/WFI_Protagonist_Rep_000.pdf

Comenius Foundation for Child Development, Warsaw, Poland

The Foundation was established to create the best possible conditions for children to build their own self-esteem, to develop self-reliance and creativity, and to inspire their natural curiosity. The Foundation works closely with parents, teachers, non-governmental organisations, local authority and child serving institutions to promote modern educational approaches and high educational standards.

The themed visit to Poland focused on working in an inclusive way with children and families, across agencies and age groups - for more information see study visit report
www.childreninscotland.org.uk/docs/WFIPOLANDReport2A4FINAL.pdf

Nordland Research Institute, Bodø, Norway

The Nordland Research Institute, based in the north of Norway, has a particular interest in models of service for remote and rural areas. Nordland county has many small and remote communities facing major challenges with regard to recruiting and keeping a well-qualified workforce.

The themed visit to Norway examined inclusive workforce models for rural and remote areas - for more information see study visit report
www.childreninscotland.org.uk/docs/NorwayStudyVisitJan2010.pdf

Working for Inclusion Publications

You can download project reports at
www.childreninscotland.org.uk/wfi/wfis.htm

Associate partner countries who work along with this programme are; Slovenia, France, Denmark, Portugal, Sweden, and Hungary

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Comments from Working for Inclusion Participants

"It was a great opportunity to build on previous learning."
Helena Buric, ISSA, Croatia and Dragana Koruga, ISSA, Serbia

"[The conference was] an excellent opportunity to see different protagonists from the ministry of health, ministry of labour and social affairs, ministry of education, ministry of science and higher education to the ministry of finance who, each from their point of view, discussed and showed a strong political commitment to young children's policy."
Nada Požar Matijaši, Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

"Cooperation with, and respect for, families is very strong in San Miniato. By empowering the family and sharing the values underpinning the services, the child is given the opportunity to be a protagonist not only while at nursery but also in the home/family."

From group interview with Norwegian delegates, Bodø Kommune

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Images on pages 2 & 4 provided by San Miniato's research and documentation centre on childhood, La Bottega di Geppetto (www.bottegadigeppetto.it)

"The study visit in Scotland allowed me to gain new competence in the education field. I am sure I can use this in my work with children from marginalized or dysfunctional families."

Anna Adamczyk-Chmielewska, Center for Social Help in Belzyce, Poland

(In Poland) "There is an intense commitment of staff and parents to developing services for children."

Elizabeth Paterson, Inspector of schools with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education, Scotland

"I had the chance to appreciate the use of outdoor spaces and children with special needs included."

Franco Doni, Manager of Services to the Person and Solidarity Policies Sector, San Miniato, Italy

Booking

Please book online **NOW** at:
www.childreninScotland.org.uk/inclusion

Delegates are responsible for their own travel and accommodation

Spaces at this **FREE** seminar are limited. A completed booking form does not guarantee a delegate place. Your place will be confirmed by email. Delegate places will be allocated on a first come basis.

Contact Sandra Mitchell for further information at smitchell@childreninScotland.org.uk

Booking confirmation will be sent out approximately two weeks before the event. Please let Children in Scotland know three weeks before the event if you have any access or dietary requirements.

Deadline for registration: 26 November 2010

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