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Directors' Forum

Creative Responses: Reshaping services for maximum impact

The focus of this Directors' Forum will be on service design and re-design in the context of spending constraints. The programme focuses on what we know about cost effectiveness in children's services, and offers opportunities to share knowledge on how to use this evidence base within the network. A panel will discuss the scope of place-shaping initiatives to deliver better value for money. We will hear from Partner agencies that are using evidence in innovative ways to re-shape children's services, and discuss how initiatives such as Total Place create opportunities for place-based decision-making that will get better value for money out of spending on children's services.

Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 June, 2010
Dartington Hall, Devon

Speakers

Lesley Cramman

- Consultant, WIT Partnership and key member of Total Place Programmes

Ian Curryer

- Corporate Director of Children's Services, Nottingham City

Lindsay Edwards

- Head of Young People's Substance Misuse, Crime Reduction & Emotional Wellbeing Services, Hertfordshire

Young People and Brian Hall

- Extended Services Manager, Bristol South 1

Dave Hill

- Executive Director for Children, Young People and Learners, Croydon

Martin Knapp

- Professor of Social Policy, Director of the Personal Social Services Research Unit and Director of the NIHR School for Social Care Research at the LSE and Political Science

Charles Leadbeater

- Independent writer, Demos research associate and consultant

Jane Lewis

- Director, research in practice

Kate Mulley

- Head of Policy and Research, Action for Children

Paul Ormerod

- Economist and writer and Director of Volterra Consulting

Stephen Scott

- Professor of Child Health and Behaviour, KC L and Director of Research and Development, National Academy for Parenting Practitioners

Andrew Webb

- Corporate Director Children & Young People's Directorate, Stockport and Chair, research in practice

Tuesday 8 June, Day 1

12.00 *Arrival, registration & buffet lunch*

13.00 **Welcome**

- Jane Lewis and Andrew Webb

13.15 **Macro-economics, local experimentation and discovery: Meeting the challenges of economic change**

- Paul Ormerod, Volterra Consulting

Discussion and questions

14.00 **Researchers' panel: The evidence base and how to use it well**

- Professor Stephen Scott, NAPP and King's College, London
- Professor Martin Knapp, PSSRU at Kent and LSE

Discussion and questions

15.00 *Tea*

15.30 **How Action for Children has used Social Return on Investment (SROI)**

- Kate Mulley, Action for Children

Discussion and questions

16.15 **Young People's perspectives on value for money**

- Young people from Bristol – Madeline Bracken-Patterson and George Haynes with Brian Hall

17.00 **Concluding Comments** – Meera Spillett

17.15 **Finish – free time**

19.30 **Drinks reception and music** Dartington Primary School choir

20.00 *Dinner*

Wednesday 9 June, Day 2

9.00 **Welcome Back**

- Jane Lewis

9.15 **Practice panel: Examples of place-based initiatives**

- Lesley Cramman – 'Total Place' programmes
- Ian Curryer - Using evidence in commissioning new programmes and interventions in Nottingham
- Dave Hill - A 'Total Place' Pilot, Croydon
- Lindsay Edwards - State of Happiness work, Hertfordshire

Discussion and questions

11.00 *Coffee*

11.30 **News from research in practice**

12.00 **Learning from the Extreme**

- Charles Leadbeater

Discussion and questions

13.00 *Finish and lunch*