



The Michael Sieff Foundation

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The Michael Sieff Foundation Conference

The Reception Years: ensuring children's well-being from 3 to 5 including preparing for school

21 - 23 September 2009

at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park

Programme Day 1 - 21 September 2009

Theme: Preparation for the Learning Environment

Chair: Wendy Rose, Senior Research Fellow, The Open University

12.00	REGISTRATION
12.30	LUNCH
13.20	Welcome: <i>Lady Elizabeth Haslam, Founder of The Michael Sieff Foundation</i>
13.30	Overview of the key issues about children's early school years: <i>Professor Christine Pascal, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood, Birmingham</i>
14.30	Development and change in the pre-school child: <i>Wendy Rose, Senior Research Fellow, Open University</i>
15.30	TEA
16.00	SureStart / Children's Centres - <i>preparation for learning:</i> <i>Fiona Colton, Head of Service, Childcare & Family Learning, Derby City Council</i>
17.00-18.00	Discussion Groups 1
19.00	RECEPTION
19.30	DINNER

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Programme Day 2 - 22 September 2009

Theme: In the learning environment

Chair: Wendy Rose, Senior Research Fellow, The Open University

9.00	Managing disability - historical overview and the inclusion debate: <i>Philippa Russell, Policy Adviser on Disability, National Children's Bureau</i>
10.00	Whatever the problem - the workforce is the solution: <i>Jane Haywood, Chief Executive, Children's Workforce Development Council</i>
11.00	COFFEE
11.30	Discussion Groups 2
13.00	LUNCH
14.00	Dealing with troubled children - targeted intervention in the learning setting: <i>Natalia Stafler, Primary Schools Project Manager, The Anna Freud Centre</i>
15.00	The longer term effects of early years experience: <i>Ted Melhuish, Professor of Human Development, Birkbeck College, University of London</i>
16.00	TEA
16.30-17.30	Discussion Groups 3
19.00	RECEPTION
19.30	DINNER
20.30	AFTER DINNER SPEAKER: No Fear: growing up in a risk adverse society <i>Tim Gill, Writer and Consultant</i>

Programme Day 3 - 23 September

Chairs: Dr Eileen Vizard and Richard White

9.15	Overview of the conference and resulting research needs: <i>Michael Little, Director, Dartington Social Research Unit</i>
10.00	Group feedback and plenary discussion
11.15	COFFEE
11.45	Responses from Government departments ■ Department for Children, Schools & Families: <i>Paul Dagleish, Deputy Head, Families Policy Development and Delivery & Ruth Talbot, Assistant Director, Quality and Standards Division</i>
12.45	Concluding comments by conference chairs
13.10	Thank you and bon voyage from founder: <i>Lady Elizabeth Haslam</i>
13.15	LUNCH AVAILABLE