



NEWS LETTER

June 2006

CFRP 2006 DATES REMINDER



Full Partnership meetings - Service Point,
Grantown-on-Spey, 10 am
27th June, 3rd October

Nairn Sub Group meetings - Links Clinic, Nairn,
9.30am

17th August, 9th November

Badenoch and Strathspey Sub Group meetings -
Glen Centre, Aviemore, 10am
12th September, 5th December

FUNDING

Childcare and Family Resource Partnership Budget 2006-2007

Nairn £53,400

Badenoch and Strathspey £52,200

A proportion of the budget has been allocated or
ring fenced to support the Partnership's
priorities and to sustain provision.

There are limited funds available, if you would
like to apply for a grant please contact Hayley,
CFRO. (See page 4 for contact details)

Community Play Areas and Skateboard Parks

Expressions of interest should be forwarded to
Malina MacDonald, Play Development Officer, Old
School, High St, Clachnaharry, Inverness, IV3
8RB via Community Learning & Development staff
or TEC Services staff. Groups will then be
forwarded detailed guidelines and an application
form which should be returned by Monday 31st
July 2006.

Highland 2007 Community Programme Funding

The next deadlines for the Badenoch and
Strathspey H2007 Community

Programme applications are:

24 July 2006, 16 October 2006

Application forms/guidance notes/frequently
asked questions are available on line at

www.highland2007.com under the 'communities'
section. These forms are also available from:

The Highland Council, B&S Council Offices
Ruthven Road, Kingussie, PH21 1EJ

Tel: 01540 664535

Diet Project

Small Grants from £500 to £3000 are available
to help support and develop new and existing food
activity with and within Scotland's low income
communities.

Application forms for the funding are available
from www.dietproject.org.uk or

Call Alice on 0141 226 5261

"Awards for All"

Please note that "Awards for All" grants are
increasing from a max of **£5k to £10k** from 9th
May. This has proved to be an excellent,
straightforward scheme for small projects.

EARLY YEARS REVIEW

Extract from minutes of Joint Committee on
Children and Young People 21/04/06. "Report No
CYP14/06 by Bill Alexander, Head of Service
(Children, Young People and Families). *Early Years
services had developed rapidly and to ensure
best use was achieved, a review of provision was
underway. To ensure services were shaped
accordingly to meet evolving needs it was
intended to continue dialog at Area level but,*

CHILDCARE AND FAMILY RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey

NEWSLETTER

June 2006

given the complex nature and the significant impact on local communities, change has to be incremental and it was proposed that this be carried out over a three year period."

(<http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourcouncil/committees/strategicandselectcommittees/childrenandyoungpeople/2006-21april-jcyp-min.htm>)

The Early Years review process is on-going and the local position re-examined annually. This remains a high priority item, but we will discuss any proposed changes with both the local providers of childcare and parents, before any changes are implemented, in any of our communities.

QUOTE From Councillor Sheena Slimon

"Our funding has decreased as the number of 3 and 4 year olds has decreased. Much as we would like to support every childcare facility in Badenoch & Strathspey and Nairn this will not be possible and we hope parents and Providers will work with us to get the best possible solutions for all our communities and our children."

News

SCHOOL COMPUTERS BLAMED FOR HYPERACTIVE CHILDREN!!



Children are being doped up with drugs to counter "hyperactivity" because they are over-exposed to flashing computer screens in

classrooms, a top neuroscientist has claimed. There was an "appalling overuse" of Ritalin as a result of the increasing use of fast-moving technology in schools, Baroness Susan Greenfield, the director of the Royal Institutions and the chancellor of Heriot-Watt University, said.

EARLY START TO P1 IS TOO MUCH FOR BOYS

Elizabeth Buie.

Ground-breaking research by one of Scotland's

leading educational psychologists suggests that boys who start school aged four-and-a-half are at a disadvantage - and that it stays with them until they finish secondary. Alan McLean, who works for Glasgow City Council and has focused on pupil motivation, argues that many immature boys never catch up with their peer group.

LIFESTYLES OF MOTHERS ARE LINKED TO INCREASE IN PREMATURE

Lindsay Moss.



An "alarming increase" in premature births is being recorded across Europe and doctors believe that women's lifestyles may be to blame. Researchers say it is difficult to explain the rise but obesity, smoking and social class might be part of the problem. Very young and older mothers are also more likely to have a premature birth. *Scotsman*



TOOTHBRUSHING!

Miranda Moodie, co-ordinator of the tooth brushing programme in Highland explains:

We now have a new national standard for the early years tooth brushing programme, drawn from best practice across Scotland. This standard is practically little different than that already in operation in Highland. The new items will be:

- A consent form
- A checklist
- A record showing who was trained and when

The standards are in an A5 booklet that will be issued in Highland **from August**.

Oral Health Educators will take the information into groups as they visit and give them a 'mini training session'.

CHILDCARE AND FAMILY RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP
Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey

NEWSLETTER

June 2006



CHILD SAFETY WEEK takes place in the last full week of June each year. In 2006, it will run from: Monday 19 June to Sunday 25 June. For Child Safety Week 2006 the CAPT theme is:

"Avoid the worst. Put child safety first"

For more information contact: Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT). www.capt.org.uk

ALCOHOL IS NEXT ON EXECUTIVE HIT LIST



They are smoke-free, family-friendly environments in which mothers happily Breast-feed their babies while customers enjoy their drinks amid

clean, fresh air. But for Scotland's political leaders there remains one problem with our pubs and bars: the alcohol. Two months after the introduction of a smoking ban in public places, Scottish Executive ministers have decided to turn their attention to another cause of the nation's appalling health record.
Scotland on Sunday

For Your Information

The latest **FOR HIGHLANDS CHILDREN** Bulletin is now available on the website, at: www.forhighlandchildren.org

Enhanced Disclosure Certificate: Fee increase: Please note that as from 1 April 2006, the cost of an Enhanced Disclosure certificate will be increased from the current cost of £13.60 to £20.00.

SUN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



The CFRP is again facilitating a Sun Awareness Campaign. Posters have been sent to all Partners, in addition to local primary schools, partner centres and childcare facilities. There is a competition running with prizes for children provided by Chemists in Kingussie, Aviemore, and Grantown, Semi Chem in Aviemore and Nairn, and Boots the Chemist in Nairn. *A huge vote of thanks goes to all those who have given donations as prizes.*

TAX CREDITS: Childcare Costs Increase

Please note the following information from HMRC about the increase in allowable childcare costs from 70% to 80% from 06/04/06.

From 6 April 2006 childcare will be payable at the rate of 80% of the weekly childcare costs up to the max of, for 1 child £175 or 2 or more £300 per week.

CFRP WEBSITE

It is hoped that the CFRP will set up a **Website** - please give Hayley, the CFRO ideas for the information that would be useful to you and your group. (See page 4 for contact details)

SSSC

The SSSC is currently consulting on the registration fee levels and Post Registration Training and Learning (PRTL) requirements for early education and child care workers and adult residential child care workers closing date is Monday 19 June 2006.

Email: enquiries@sssc.uk.com

Website: www.sssc.uk.com

CHILDCARE AND FAMILY RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP
Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey

NEWSLETTER

June 2006

E-COLI

You will have received a letter from the Highland Council Environmental Services, just as a reminder, if you require more information on E-coli prevention please contact your local office

Nairn	01667 458540
Kingussie	01540 664501

TRAINING PLAN

It is planned to facilitate some additional training this year. It is hoped that the LEC will provide some funding as such.

The first course is a **First Aid Course** - funded by CFRP, and run by the Red Cross. It is a 2 day First Aid for Child carers course being run in Grantown - You will have received information in this regard.

Other courses planned are Food Hygiene, Moving and Handling, Reading with young children, Child Protection, Disability Awareness and Inclusion.

If there is a course that you or your staff would benefit from please let the CFRO know and she will see what she can do!

USEFUL CONTACTS

Comhairle Nan Sgoiltean Araich
www.gaelicworld.co.uk

CNSA creates learning opportunities in Gaelic, for people of all ages throughout Scotland.

Highland Council

www.highland.gov.uk

Highland Council website

Highland Pre-school Services

www.highlandpreschoolservice.co.uk

Highland Pre-School Services, is a voluntary Scottish Charity

Out of School Care Federation

www.ooscfed.org

The OOSC Fed is an umbrella organisation for out of school clubs throughout the Highlands & Islands

CHIP+ provides; Information, Support and Advice to the families and carers of children and young people with additional needs, and to professionals working with them. It is a one-stop shop that provides a service throughout the Highlands.

Birnie Child Development Centre
Unit 6, Raigmore Hospital
Lotland Street, Inverness IV2 3UJ
Tel: 01463 711189
Tel: 01463 717727

E-mail: chip.birnie@ukgateway.net

Hayley Brown,

Childcare & Family Resource Officer

Hayley.brown@highland.gov.uk

Suite 7, Upper Mall,
Aviemore, PH22 1RH
TEL: 01479 812974

CHILDCARE AND FAMILY RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP
Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey