

Building Blocks

2006

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UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER,
JORDANSTOWN

10.00AM TO 4:30PM

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seminars



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Barbara McDade, Children's Development Officer for the Presbyterian Church In Ireland.

Working with 11-14 years

No longer children, but not yet teenagers - tweenagers are more defined by what they're not than what they are. We'll be looking at who they are, how we can appropriately disciple them and share some practical ideas to inspire and include them.

Ruth Hassall is Head of Pathfinders at CPAS, training and resourcing leaders of 9-13 year olds.

Leading an under-5s ministry

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Act it out

A practical seminar focusing on the value of drama in children's ministry and ways of using it to help children engage with Bible teaching and truth. Participants will explore a range of approaches including improvisation, scripted drama and mime.

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Theology of the child

"Children should be seen and not heard." Who knows where or when or even why it originated. Often we want to see a lot of kids running around our churches, we just don't want to hear them—both literally and figuratively. This sends a powerful message to kids—particularly when what so many kids want and need is to be heard.

David Rock, Team Leader, DYCW.

Arts & crafts with a message

All children love to be creative! How to use arts and crafts to reinforce Bible teaching and also give young evangelists tools with which to reach out to their families.

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Special needs

This seminar will consider different learning styles. The characteristics of each and the activities best suited to each will be explored. Learning styles particularly associated with SEN children will be highlighted. How we ensure that every child gets the most from programmes and activities will be outlined.

Colin Millar, Boy's Brigade Disability Network Consultant for Northern Ireland.

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The Barnabas Team - Bible Reading Fellowship Publishing.

Children in times of crisis

This seminar is for those who wish to understand better how children can be affected by separation, loss or trauma in the family, and explore how adults in the church family might respond to and come alongside children in crisis.

Desney Cromey, Former joint co-ordinator of 'Tree Tops', a children's bereavement service under the umbrella of the Corrymeela Community.

Lunchtime worship workshop

In this all action/participation based workshop, Nicky and his team will be going through some of the best children's worship music around at the minute, as they try to convey something of the heart of worship God has put in each one of us. They'll have actions, sign language and handouts!

Nicky Blair, Children's Worker for the Department of Youth & Children's Work for the Methodist Church and Glenn Mason Worship Leader at DYCW's Soul Mates Weekend.

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SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2006

IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER, JORDANSTOWN,
CO ANTRIM, BT37 0QB

Title _____

First Name _____

Surname _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Home Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Church/School/Organisation _____

Current involvement in children's ministry _____

Is disability access required? _____

Are there any special dietary requirements? _____

COST: £25 includes tea/coffee, lunch and all conference materials.

Car parking is free, but please keep your ticket safe as you will need it to exit the car park.

PAYMENT DETAILS: Please make cheques payable to 'PCI' and return to:

'Building Blocks' Children's Ministry Conference,

Church House, Fisherwick Place,

Belfast, BT1 6DW, along with this booking form.

The full conference fee is payable on booking and is non-refundable.

As places are limited, you are advised to book early. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Telephone bookings cannot be accepted. Please complete a separate booking form for each person attending and return no later than Friday 3rd November 2006.

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Saturday 18th November, 2006



Keynote Speaker

The organising committees are delighted to have secured the commitment of Marlene LeFever from Colorado, USA, to be key-note speaker at both conferences. Marlene

is Director of Educational Ministries for Cook Communications Ministries. She is the author of 'Learning Styles', 'Creative Teaching Methods', and her 2002 release, 'Flowers from God', a celebration of what God is doing through children's ministry workers. Marlene is also a columnist for Christian Parenting Magazine, and each year teaches via interactive phone and video conferencing at 40 colleges and seminaries.

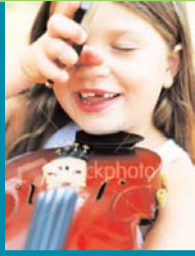
General information for Dublin and Jordansdown

Refreshments: Will be provided (included in the cost)
Price: The total cost for the day is: JORDANSTOWN: £25 DUBLIN €40 (The full conference fee is payable on booking and is non-refundable)
Resources: There will be a bookstall with a wide variety of resources available for purchase.
Further Info: Dublin Venue: Contact Anne Taylor on 01-4905543 Email: sundayschoolsociety@ireland.angican.org
Jordanstown Venue: Contact Donna Thompson on 028 9032 2284 Email: yac@presbyterianireland.org

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School assemblies and children's talks (am)

For those who sometimes find themselves standing in front of an assembly hall or Sunday School full of children, wondering how they can effectively communicate the Good News. We will have a look at the latest resources available and consider what it means to minister in a school environment - the barriers and the opportunities. Barbara McDade, Children's Development Officer for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

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Teenagers - a problem or an untapped resource?

So often teenagers are looked upon as a problem within the life of the church. The alternative is to realise that they have so much to contribute, with all their energy and creativity. This seminar looks at how several groups of teenagers have been trained and equipped to be children's ministry helpers and leaders in their home churches through summer holiday clubs. Rev. Cliff Jeffers, Church of Ireland Rector of Athy Union of Parishes, Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough.

Faith in the Family - Can we really disciple our children?

Is Sunday School, dedicated children's ministry or the family home the best place to pass on our Christian faith to the next generations? In this seminar we will look at the issue of nurturing faith within the family unit and come up with some suggestions to equip you to be more effective in your mission. Mervyn Nutley, founding director of Focus on the Family Ireland.

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Let's ALL celebrate

Ideas for all-age worship and Sunday School for the key times in the Christian Year (e.g. Harvest, Christmas, Easter) including crafts, drama, games and activity morning plans. Jacqui Wilkinson, a teacher currently writing the RE programme 'Follow Me' who also has written church worship and Sunday School resources.

Special needs - promoting integration

Many of us will encounter a child with Down's Syndrome, Autism or Asperger Syndrome in our ministry. This seminar will give you some basic information on these special needs areas, amongst others. How can we effectively integrate these children into our church organisations and groups? Linda Wray, Residential Services Manager (Board of Social Witness, of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland).

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Praise and worship - more than music

How to involve children in worship in such a way that they can really engage with God and learn valuable truths which will stay with them and nurture their faith. You don't have to be able to sing in tune; a thankful heart is all that's required! Alice McAlary and team from Alliance Youth Works, a support network for youth leaders and groups based in Coleraine.

Here's one I prepared earlier

Arts and crafts can be used very effectively to reinforce Bible teaching and

encourage the children in your group to use their imagination and natural creative instinct. Come and learn some new ideas...but be prepared to get your hands messy!

Rosie Hunt, Sunday School teacher and volunteer with many years of practical experience.

The power of encouragement in Children's ministry (am)

"It's great, great, brill, brill, wicked, wicked, skill, skill..." The title of this popular children's song gives us the clue to one of the simplest yet most powerful keys to building effective children's ministry in the local church - the power of encouragement. Discover fresh ways to grow and encourage your children's leaders. Paul Hoey, Ministry Consultant for the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) in Ireland.

Making Catholic Liturgy Fun!

This seminar will provide ideas and demonstrations of what works in differing parish situations and what can be achieved with a little energy and enthusiasm! Come along and be inspired to try something new. A team from various Roman Catholic parishes in Co. Dublin.

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Title
First Name
Surname
Address
Postcode
Home Telephone
E-mail
Church/School/Organisation
Current involvement in children's ministry
Is disability access required?
Are there any special dietary requirements?

COST: €40 includes coffee, lunch and all conference materials.

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Saturday 25th November, 2006