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**Newsletter for Members**  
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**AGM / Conference: 11 November 2009**

Conferences are good times not only to hear papers but to network. If you can spare the time, why not come to Toddington the evening before, join in dinner and enjoy the chance to talk?

The **AGM** will start at 9.00 a.m. on 11 November. Before then, an Annual Report will be circulated to members. As things stand, we are not expecting that there will be a lot of business, and so we hope to finish in good time before the Conference begins at 10.00 a.m. If there are issues you would like to raise at the AGM, please email or phone the Chair, so that they can be considered for inclusion in the agenda. (01924 251160 / DCL@DavidLane.org)

The **Conference** is entitled "**THE PLACE OF ETHICS IN THE HISTORY OF CHILD CARE**".

The public has been more involved in child care issues in recent months than for many years. Cases which have hit the headlines such as Baby Peter and the two Doncaster boys have led to strong feelings about what should be done – with the children, with the parents, and with the professionals involved.

But the child care profession needs to do more than defend itself against attack. It needs to do some hard fundamental thinking about its role. What should the basis for our child care services be? What are the important concepts for the 21st century? Have we got the balance wrong? – for example in the primacy of the family, or should more children be taken into care, as Martin Narey, head of Barnardo's, recently suggested? Should social workers have more powers? Do children's needs come first, or have we created systems which give priority to finance or targets?

Over the years many different concepts have motivated workers and legislators – children's rights, child protection, prevention, inclusion, and two dozen others. Getting the right balance for the future is important, and studying history can give us a longer perspective in such a fundamental subject. Otherwise we risk drifting into re-inventing an outmoded concept or missing solutions already in front of us.

Charles Sharpe has put an exciting conference programme together, featuring four excellent speakers from England, Ireland and Scotland :

- ***Mark Smith of the School of Social Work at the University of Edinburgh,***
- ***Noel Howard, the past president of the Irish Social Care Workers Association,***
- ***June Jones of the School of Health and Population Studies at the University of Birmingham,***
- ***Richard Rollinson, independent child care consultant***

There will also be plenty of opportunities for delegates to join in the debate. Please come, and please let other colleagues and friends know about the event.

## Future Programme

The Board has been discussing the sorts of events that members might be interested in, and feed-back would be welcome:

- **A Conference focusing specifically on child care archives**, considering the practical problems of housing them, caring for them, accessing them, and knowing where they are kept, as well as the child care or social work problems of helping people to consider their own histories when they access them. Such a conference could be of interest not only to archivists but the whole range of other people who have to work with archives. It would probably be arranged in conjunction with a University, possibly early in 2010.
- **Group visits to major archives**, such as the National Archive or the Modern Record Centre at Warwick University.
- **A performance of Dr Korczak's Example** by David Greig, a play currently in production by Gwent Theatre. This would probably be arranged in conjunction with other organisations.
- **A Working Party** to develop bids for funding for the creation of a national survey and register of surviving child care records. The Board sees this as a priority, and we have drafted an outline proposal for a three-year project but members may wish to join in trying to get this project off the ground.

What do you think? Any other ideas? CCHN is still a small organisation, and any events rely upon a very modest budget and voluntary effort, so it will be a great help to know what we should invest our time in.

## Elections

The current Board's term of office comes to an end on 31 March 2010. We shall therefore be commencing the election process at the AGM, with a view to voting taking place in the following months, so that the new Board can take over on 1 April 2010. The timetable for nominations, voting etc. will be circulated before the Conference, and the Conference will therefore be an ideal time for getting to know other members and discussing who is prepared to stand for office.

## One more thing....

If you are coming to the Conference, you will find that your annual membership fee has been included in the price. If you aren't able to come, the Treasurer will be delighted if you are able to pay your subscription promptly.

**David Lane, Chair**  
**Craig Fees, Communications Officer**

### *Board Members:*

David Lane (Chair), Rosemary Lilley (Secretary), Cynthia Cross (Treasurer and Membership), Craig Fees (Communication and Information Officer), Evelyn Daniel, Nicola Hilliard, Tom James, Alan MacQuarrie, Charles Sharpe

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**CCHN Autumn  
Conference**  
November 11, 2009



## *The Place of Ethics in the History of Child Care*

Barns Conference Centre, Planned Environment Therapy Trust,  
Church Lane, Toddington, nr. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL54 5DQ

8.30- 9.45 Registration and refreshments

### ***9.00 – 9.45 Child Care History Network AGM***

10.00 Welcome to the Planned Environment Therapy Trust

10.05 Welcome to CCHN and to the conference **David Lane**

10.20 **Mark Smith** of the School of Social Work at the University of Edinburgh introduces our theme and gives an overview of the history and developing philosophy of the ethics of child care.

11.15 Refreshments

11.35 **Noel Howard**, the past president of the Irish Social Care Workers Association explores the ethics of child care in Ireland over the last 40 years in the light of the Ryan Commission Report.

12.30 Lunch

### *1.15 - 1.45 Optional workshops*

2.00 **June Jones** of the School of Health and Population Studies at the University of Birmingham considers the history of the development of ethics and professional values in the relationship between the health professionals and their patients and make connections to the relationship between child care professionals and the children they help.

2.55 Refreshments

3.15 **Richard Rollinson**, Child Care Consultant and previously Regional Director of the Peper Harow Foundation, one time Principal of the Mulberry Bush and former Chair of the Charterhouse Group of Therapeutic Communities summarises the issues arising from conference's discussions with reference to the ethical issues raised by current high profile cases such as Baby Peter's and their implications for our social care, health and education provision for children and young people in care.

4.15 **Farewell and the close of conference**



## Booking form:

### "THE PLACE OF ETHICS IN THE HISTORY OF CHILD CARE" Autumn Conference of the Child Care History Network 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your place please fill in the booking form below, and send remittance of £75 per person (individual membership) or £90 (institutional membership), to include conference, lunch, light refreshments, and complementary one-year membership in the Child Care History Network for 2009-2010. Alternatively, you can pay online using PayPal (at [www.cchn.org.uk](http://www.cchn.org.uk)), or indicate that you wish to be invoiced, or will pay on the day.

Cheques should be made payable to "CCHN" (Child Care History Network) and sent to CCHN, c/o Planned Environment Therapy Trust, Church Lane, Toddington, Cheltenham, Glos. GL54 5DQ  
Tel: 01242 621200 e-mail: [conference@pettrust.org.uk](mailto:conference@pettrust.org.uk)

I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) at the conference.

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- I have paid £75/£90 per person (please indicate which) using the online PayPal facility (or)
  - Please invoice me, at the address below
  - I will pay on the day

I would like B&B on the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov \_\_\_\_\_ and/or 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. \_\_\_\_\_ (please tick with the number required) at the cost of £34.50 (inc VAT) a night per person for a shared room and £40 (inc VAT) for single occupancy. Please indicate:  **Shared occupancy**  **Single occupancy**

Name(s)

Address:

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What you do

Organisation, place of work

Any special arrangements (e.g. diet, access)

*Further details of the programme and information on travelling to the Planned Environment Therapy Trust's Barns Conference Centre will be sent on receipt of a booking form, and will also be available online at [www.cchn.org.uk](http://www.cchn.org.uk)*

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