



Young carers and their families

Thursday 2 March 2006
Brunei Gallery, SOAS,
Thornhaugh Street, London WC1

Chair:

Cllr. Alison King
Chair, LGA Children and Young People Board

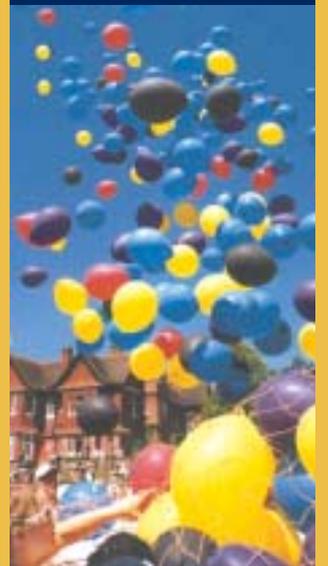
Plenary speakers include:

Alex Fox
The Princess Royal Trust for Carers

Jenny Frank
The Children's Society

John Keep
Disabled Parents Network

Plus a programme of breakout
sessions covering key issues



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Chair: Cllr Alison King,
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Young People Board

9.30 REGISTRATION &
REFRESHMENTS

10.00 Welcome by CSN (TEN)
and Chair's opening
remarks

10.20 National speaker (tbc)

11.00 *Legislation and statistics*
Alex Fox, Young Carers
Development Co-ordinator,
The Princess Royal Trust
for Carers
+
Principles of practice
Jenny Frank, Programme
Manager, National
Young Carers Initiative,
The Children's Society

11.45 BREAKOUT
SESSION 1

1.00 LUNCH

2.00 BREAKOUT
SESSION 2

3.15 Q & A with expert panel
+
What will you do to
move things forward?

4.00 CLOSE &
REFRESHMENTS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A programme of breakout sessions will cover key issues for those working with, supporting or with strategic responsibility for young carers and their families.

These will be led by experienced practitioners, providing valuable learning and the chance to engage in discussion with colleagues from a variety of backgrounds.

Topics planned include:

- 1 Disabled parents and direct payments**
John Keep, Chair, Disabled Parents Network
- 2 Why do children care, and what needs to change? (The whole family approach)**
Jenny Frank, The Children's Society
- 3 Why fund a Young Carers project?**
Alex Fox and Danni Manzi, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers
- 4 Supporting Young Carers whose parents have mental ill-health**
Gloucestershire Young Carers Project
- 5 Working with schools**
Norfolk Young Carers Project
(Crossroads)
- 6 Substance abuse: supporting children from substance using families**
STARS National Initiative,
The Children's Society
- 7 Meeting the healthcare needs of refugees and asylum seekers**
Family inclusion project,
The Children's Society
- 8 The role and responsibility of elected members**
Martin Rogers, CSN/TEN

Please indicate your preferences on the booking form

WHY THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT

A very large number of children bear excessive caring responsibilities within their families. The 2001 census identified approximately 175,000 such children in the UK, but this is likely to be an underestimate as it includes only those whose parents acknowledged their child's caring role – and many are reluctant to do so officially.

That means that there will be many young carers in every local authority, and few schools without young carers among their pupils. Yet the experiences of these extraordinary young people remain largely unknown outside their families and the circle of professionals and agencies who work to support them – and some schools fail to recognise that their pupils include some who are young carers.

One in five of these children miss school or experience significant educational difficulties, sometimes including bullying. Only 18 per cent of young carers have been assessed, and in only slightly more cases does their family receive additional services other than the contact of the young carer with a specialist project.

The Children Act 2004, and the current focus on Children's Services, bring a fresh opportunity to review how support services to families with young carers are delivered – but the accompanying separation of services for children and young people from those for adults brings its own problems.

The conference objectives

This conference aims to bring together those with strategic responsibility in local authorities (elected members and officers) and those involved in providing front line support services to young carers and their families. It will:

- help improve outcomes for young carers
- raise awareness of the issues involved
- generate discussion and learning about good practice
- assist the development of more effective services for young carers and their families.

Who should attend

- Lead Members for Children's Services
- Lead Members for adult social care
- Chairs of scrutiny
- Directors of Children's Services
- Directors of Adult Services
- Providers of support services for young carers
- Headteachers and school managers
- School governors

BOOKINGFORM Please use one form per delegate (photocopies are acceptable)

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Delegate rates: £150 (£176.25 inc VAT)

VAT number: 577405714

Name and address for invoicing:

Purchase order No.

Address to which conference details should be sent (if different from above):

Name of delegate

Position

LEA/organisation

Address

Telephone

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Special requirements (dietary or otherwise)

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Breakout session preferences:

Please indicate four preferences in ranked order (1, 2, 3 and 4).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled parents and direct payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Working with schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Why do children care, and what needs to change? | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse: supporting children from substance-abusing families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of Young Carers projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare needs of refugees and asylum seekers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Young Carers whose parents have mental ill-health | <input type="checkbox"/> The role and responsibility of elected members |

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Local Government Overview and Scrutiny Explained

***Organised by the House Magazine
Tuesday 28 February 2006***

Thistle Hotel, Charing Cross, Westminster, London

- 09:30** *Registration*
- 09:45** **Chair's Introduction**
Janet Fortune, Fortune Consultants (confirmed)
- 10:00** **An Introduction to Local Government Overview and Scrutiny**
Derek Bishop, Head of Democratic Services, Oxfordshire County Council (confirmed)
- 11:00** *Coffee*
- 11:15** **Legal Issues relating to Local Government Scrutiny**
Eversheds LLP (invited)
- 12:10** **Local Government Overview and Scrutiny Case Study**
Nike Shadiya, Head of Overview and Scrutiny Unit, London Borough of Lewisham (confirmed)
- 12:55** *Lunch*
- 14:00** **How Scrutiny Functions Across the Public Sector**
Mark Sandford, Head of Scrutiny Research, Constitution Unit, UCL (confirmed)
- 14:45** *Tea*
- 15:00** **The Parliamentary Scrutiny Model**
Rt Hon Lord Anderson, former House of Commons Select Committee Chairman (invited)
- 15:50** **The Future of Scrutiny and Accountability in Local Government**
Jane Martin, Executive Director, Centre for Public Scrutiny (invited)
- 16:30** **Final Questions and Discussion**
- 16:45** **Close**

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No of Places Required	Cost		
1 Place	£580		
Local Government	£380		
Local Government : 2+ Places	£350 each		
Local Government : 4+ Places	£320 each		
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Frontline Councillors and Decision Making

Thursday 16 March 2006

9.30am - 3.30pm

Royal College of Surgeons, Holborn, London WC2A

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Hear from the experts about how to increase the potential of the community leadership and advocacy role of the frontline councillor. **Receive your free copy of the groundbreaking report from JRF and LGIU, *Frontline Councillors and Decision Making*, which will be launched at the event.**

Keynote speaker: Phil Woolas MP, Minister for Local Government

Interactive panel sessions including: Lord (Richard) Best Director JRF, Ines Newman Head of Policy LGIU, Jane Martin Executive Director Centre for Public Scrutiny, Cllr Martin Winter Elected Mayor Doncaster MBC, Cllr Paul Bettison Leader Bracknell Forest, Cllr Roger Lawrence Leader Wolverhampton City Council.

Rates

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