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## NCERCC 2007 Residential Child Care Matters: Time for change and continuity

### Wednesday, 7th November 2007 Hilton Birmingham Metropole

The annual conference of NCERCC, the National Centre for Excellence in Residential Child Care, is where those involved with policy and practice in Residential Child Care in England meet together to showcase developments and discuss the future.

The NCERCC Conference for 2007 will provide an important opportunity to address the issues raised in the White Paper Time for Change. With the White Paper beginning its progress, this will be a time for presentation and consultation, when the sector can directly input into discussions regarding the future of RCC. In particular, the conference will examine the development of Social Pedagogy in Residential Child Care and explore new strategies for improving the lives of children and young people.

#### Why attend?

Hear from...

- leading researchers in Social Pedagogy
- Social Pedagogues from the NCERCC/SET project
- Young People and their views on participation in care and welfare
- experts on workforce and inspection
- specialists in contracts and commissioning
- the DCSF
- people working linking policy to everyday practice

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# Programme

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## 9.15 Registration and refreshments

### 9.45 Welcome and introductions Chair: *Andrew Christie*

### 9.50 NCERCC and the Children's Residential Network – change, growth, continuity *Jonathan Stanley*

### 10.05 Developing Social Pedagogy in Residential Child care – head, heart and hand

What is Social Pedagogy? *Clare Cameron*

The NCERCC/SET Social Pedagogy in RCC project – learning for RCC future development,

*Dave Crimmins and Clare Chamberlain*

How the project is helping to integrate care, education, and health, *Together Trust*

## 11.00 Refreshments

### 11.25 Seminars (see opposite)

### 12.25 Lunch with entertainment from young people

### 1.25 Welcome to the afternoon session Chair

### 1.30 Key note address: Minister for Children, Schools and Families

### 1.45 Developing Residential Child Care and its workforce

Young people's experiences of RCC and how they think it can be improved, *Lucy Millich and NCERCC Young People's group*

The NOS, the NVO, the future, *Ann Harrison*

How OFSTED are planning to address the regulatory role in light of the transfer of responsibilities from CSCI, *Dee Gasson*

Commissioning and contracts, *Ben Arora and Sika Smith*

### 3.05 Seminars (see opposite)

### 4.00 An appreciation of Sir William Utting: his contribution to RCC and other children's services *Don Brand, SCIE*

### 4.15 Close of conference and tea

# Speakers

**Jonathan Stanley**, Manager, NCERCC

**Clare Cameron**,  
Thomas Coram Research Unit

**Dave Crimmins**, University of Lincoln  
and Social Education Trust

**Clare Chamberlain**, NCERCC Associate  
and Social Pedagogy Project Manager

**Jill Sheldrake**, Together Trust

**Minister for Children, Schools and Families**

**Lucy Millich**, NCERCC Participation  
Officer and NCERCC Young People's group

**Ann Harrison**, National Development  
Manager Social Care, Children's Workforce  
Development Council

**Dee Gasson**, Assistant Divisional  
Manager, OFSTED

**Ben Arora**, Managing Markets &  
Developing Commissioning Team, DCFS

**Sika Smith**, Northants County Council and  
Coordinator of National Care Contract  
Implementation and Monitoring Team

**Don Brand**, SCIE

# Chair

**Andrew Christie**, Director Children's  
Services, Hammersmith & Fulham

# Content

## Morning: Social Pedagogy

Before the publication of the White Paper Time for Change, NCERCC began exploring the development of Social Pedagogy in residential care for children and young people. The morning will explore this holistic and personal approach through the perspectives of the Thomas Coram Research Unit and the findings of a Social Education Trust funded project. Social Pedagogues from the project will share first hand the successes, and obstacles overcome, of implementing a pedagogic approach to Residential Child Care.

## Afternoon: The White Paper

The afternoon will provide an occasion for this largest gathering of the sector during the year to engage directly with the DCFS Children in Care agenda and the future of the Residential Child Care sector. There will also be an opportunity to hear the views of young people on their care and welfare and learn how to best support their contributions. Up to the minute reports will be given on the important matters of workforce and development, and contracts and commissioning. The seminars address the issues the sector has told NCERCC are in most need of practice development. At the close of the meeting, there will be a tribute to the tremendous work of Sir William Utting.

## Who should attend?

- Direct workers with young people
- Managers
- Heads of service
- Providers
- Commissioners
- Policy makers
- Researchers
- Inspectors
- Children's organisations

NCERCC works with local authority, voluntary and independent: care, education and health sectors

# Seminars

## Morning Seminars

- Implementing Social Pedagogy in your setting?

The Social Pedagogues who have been leading the SET/NCERCC project on Implementing Social Pedagogy in Residential Child Care share the content, methods and discussion.

## Afternoon Seminars

- Working with challenging and disruptive situations in residential child care, SCIE
- Restorative Practices in RCC – what and how? Transforming Conflict
- Risk assessment and RCC – research into practice, NCB Research
- Building and sustaining teamwork in RCC – findings from the NCERCC/SET project, Bordesley Institute
- Are you up to standard for therapeutic child care? Royal College of Psychiatrists/Charterhouse Group of Therapeutic Communities
- Resilience as a concept for practice in RCC, Sally Wassell University of Stirling