

# Lifelong Learning Centre Seminar Series

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## ***‘Early intervention and prevention: the Leeds experience’***

**Andrea Richardson (Leeds City Council, Head of Early Years) and  
Sue Cassidy (Leeds City Council, Extended Services Adviser)**

**Tuesday 29 November 2011, 5.30 - 7.30pm  
(Please see over for further details)**



# **Title: 'Early intervention and prevention: the Leeds experience'**

## **Synopsis:**

Andrea's session will look at the Early Start Programme which supports families in poverty with young children. She will be joined by Joanne Howieson who is Deputy Manager of Chapeltown Children's Centre and a current student on the University of Leeds BA in Early Childhood Studies.

Sue's session will explore Family Support at the Locality Level which seeks to find solutions to individual family needs through a range of multi-agency interventions. In Leeds these have been developed through the CHESS Cluster. She will be joined by Sarah Ruddy (Primary School Head teacher in Harehills, Leeds), Dave Pointon (Integrated Services Leader) and Julie Clarkson (Integrated Processes Co-ordinator)

## **Biographies:**

**Andrea Richardson** MA in Education who is the Head of Early Years in Leeds.

She worked as a teacher from 1989 to 2001 in special schools and primary inclusion units and then in LEA support and improvement services, then moving to Education Leeds to manage the Early Years SEN and Parent Partnership Services.

Andrea is presently the Head of Early Years in Leeds and is undertaking a PhD study in how Children's Centres are building social capital in local communities and working with families with complex and enduring needs. More recently, Andrea has worked as Quality and Standards Manager in the Early Years Service in Leeds, establishing 58 Children's Centres across the city.

Andrea is also involved in the, Foundation Stage profile moderation across the city, developing safeguarding processes in line with Local safeguarding Board recommendations, total inclusion policy 0-5, developing family outreach services and family support services, assimilating Sure Start local programmes into the delivery of Children's Centre, involving parents in children's learning, developing CAF processes and developing multi-agency working from strategic planning to implementation.

**Sue Cassidy** BEd (Hons), NPQH who is an Extended Services Adviser with Leeds City Council.

As an Extended Services Adviser with Leeds City Council, Sue is involved in the development of effective and sustainable integrated children's services provision through locality (or cluster) partnerships. Her work is about promoting the well-being of children and young people within the context of the family and the community - ensuring that robust effective safeguarding systems are in place and appropriately governed. Emotional health and well-being, standards of achievement, leadership approaches and effective integrated working are at the root of much of her advisory work with school and other children's services leaders.

Sue taught for 15 years, including 5 years senior leadership experience in an inner city context. Working for Education Leeds, she played a leading role in establishing a successful public/private sector collaboration to enhance engagement in learning. In a voluntary capacity she now works with private and commercial sector partners to support and enable community development in South Leeds, is a board director of a voluntary agency, and a pastoral coach to a group of 7 high school students.

## **Venue: Parkinson Building, Seminar Room B.09**

The University of Leeds

Leeds

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Refreshments will be provided from 5.00pm

## **Interested?**

This seminar is free to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic, however, in order to help us book refreshments we would be grateful if you could book a place by contacting Lorna Thompson on 0113 343 3212 / [l.n.thompson@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:l.n.thompson@leeds.ac.uk)