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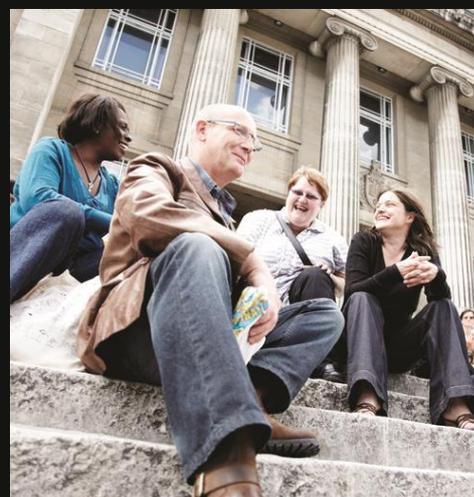
Wise Before the Event? Managing Critical Incidents in Schools

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**Thursday 13 February 2014,
5.30 – 7.30pm**

Please turn over for further information



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Synopsis:

Sad things happen in schools – from the death of the class goldfish to major incidents where adults or pupils are injured or even die. When such things happen, school staff are often unsure as to the best way of managing and supporting those involved.

This seminar will provide a psychological perspective on the process of managing critical incidents in school, including exploring children's understanding of death and how to support them in managing this. Above all the seminar will urge delegates to be 'wise before the event' – to plan ahead so that they are prepared should the worst happen.

Biography:

Dr Ruth Dennis initially trained to teach children with Severe Learning Difficulties and taught for 11 years across both special and mainstream schools in West Yorkshire.

In 2000 she qualified as an Educational Psychologist (EP) and has pioneered a range of interventions, including 'All Aboard' - a nationally recognised early intervention programme for vulnerable children in the Foundation Stage.

As part of her generic EP role Ruth has been involved in supporting a significant number of schools in managing 'sad events' or 'critical incidents'. This work has involved helping schools to draw up a framework for planning for such events and offering support and guidance when such events happen.

Ruth is currently joint Acting Principal Educational Psychologist for Bradford Children's Services, coordinating EP support to children, families and staff in the district's 250 schools.

Venue:

Centenary Gallery
Parkinson Building
University of Leeds
Leeds
LS2 9JT

Refreshments will be available 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 organise refreshments we would be grateful if you could book a place via the Eventbrite website <http://leedsunillc.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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