

Lifelong Learning Centre Seminar Series

‘Young People’s Voices’

Joyce Thacker (Strategic Director, Children and Young People's Services,
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council)

‘Delivering Quality Children and Young People’s Services in a Leeds Community’

Liz Jones (Trust Director, Children's Services, Brigshaw Co-operative Trust) and
Peter Laurence (Development Director, Brigshaw Co-operative Trust)

This seminar is FREE to attend and will be chaired by Paul Forbes OBE

Tuesday 7 February 2012, 5.30 - 7.30pm

(Please see over for further details)



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Synopses

Joyce’s session will look at five questions in relation to ‘Young People’s Voices’ and explore how we develop a win-win situation in our work with young people. She will be joined by her colleagues Dorothy Smith (Director for Schools and Lifelong Learning, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council) and Chris Brodhurst-Brown (Youth Services Manager, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council).

Liz and Peter’s session will explore their roles in establishing the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust which engages with partners and the local community to improve outcomes for children, young people and families.

Biographies

Joyce Thacker (Strategic Director, Children and Young People’s Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council)

Joyce is the Strategic Director for Children and Young People’s Services in Rotherham and has been in this post since July 2008. Her background has included Youth Work (Head of Service in Bradford) and Connexions (Chief Executive in South Yorkshire). Joyce started her career in the Voluntary Sector at the YMCA and then the YWCA before joining the Local Authority in Bradford. Prior to taking up her post as Strategic Director she worked as Senior Director in Rotherham from April 2006. As Strategic Director she has statutory responsibility for all children and young people up to 19 years of age in Rotherham. Her task is to enable all children and young people to achieve their potential across the five Every Child Matters outcomes and to ensure the outcome gaps between the most disadvantaged children and their peers are reduced.

Liz Jones (Trust Director, Children's Services, Brigshaw Co-operative Trust) and Peter Laurence (Development Director, Brigshaw Co-operative Trust)

Liz and Peter work for the Brigshaw Co-operative Trust, a partnership working on behalf of 4,000 children and young people, their families and communities in East Leeds - in Allerton Bywater, Great Preston, Kippax, Ledston, Methley and Swillington. Formerly Deputy Principal at Brigshaw High School and Language College, Liz Jones led the establishment and growth of extended services provision and laid the basis for an integrated multi-agency approach to locality working which has become a model for other parts of Leeds.

Peter Laurence was previously Principal at Brigshaw, and led the process by which the school partnership became a Co-operative Trust in April 2010. The Trust enables strong school-to-school collaboration which has had a demonstrable impact on the quality of outcomes and learning experiences for pupils, achieved better value and a secure and sustainable school partnership.

Paul Forbes OBE

Paul is a former Local Authority Chief Officer with over 35 years experience in education and training focusing on disadvantaged communities. He received an OBE in 2003 in recognition of his work. He worked on the merger of the Further Education colleges in Leeds which came to a successful conclusion in 2009. He has given evidence to the House of Commons Select Committees on worklessness and child poverty. Paul has undertaken study tours to Germany to look at the Dual System of Vocational Training and to the Eastern Seaboard of the United States to look at education and skills policies.

Venue

Parkinson Building, Seminar Room 1.08
University of Leeds
Leeds
LS2 9JT

There will be an opportunity to network over refreshments 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 by contacting Lorna Thompson on 0113 343 3212 /

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