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London childcare providers survey - deadline this Friday!

If you haven't yet responded to our London childcare providers survey, you can fill it in online or download a pdf version on the [Daycare Trust](#) website - deadline **Friday 22 May 2009**.

We have already had an amazing 315 responses, with around 74% of these being from childminders. We would like as many providers as possible, including childminders, nurseries and out of school clubs, to have their say. The results will be presented at our London childcare providers forum in June 2009, sent to those who responded and put on our website.

London childcare providers consultative committee - input from the maintained sector

Are you a childcare provider in the maintained sector, or



working with providers in your borough?

The London childcare providers consultative committee meets four times a year to ensure activities of the *London childcare providers network project* reflect the needs of providers. National Day Nurseries Association, 4Children, National Childminding Association and Pre-school Learning Alliance are already part of this group, but we are keen to get more input from the maintained sector.

If you are able to join us, please contact Deborah Brodie dbrodie@daycaretrust.org.uk 020 7840 3387.



Understanding and reaching out to your community - parent champions

Having heard how many providers in the childcare sector struggle to reach certain groups of parents, and particularly those from disadvantaged communities, on 12 May we organised a workshop on information outreach. This included a presentation by a parent champion on her experiences working in Camden. The Parent Champion model was developed by Daycare Trust and the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF), with pilot projects being delivered in three London boroughs - read the [project highlights](#). The success of these pilot projects, using parents to make links at a community level to talk about childcare, has led to a DCSF toolkit, shortly to be published.

We had enormous interest in the workshop, with places filled within 24 hours! We will repeat it at least once within the next few months. Feedback was very positive with one participant saying it was the best training she had ever been on, and another wanting the rest of her team to attend.

Master class in home learning

On 22 April 2009 we held our first master class in home learning, facilitated by Honor Rhodes, Director of Development at the Family and Parenting Institute.

Over 45 participants attended, ranging from childminders, and those working with childminding networks, though to government policy officers. Feedback was very positive. There will be two master classes a year, as part of this four-year *London childcare providers network project*.



Parents postcard



A new postcard for parents has just been published, which includes details of the Daycare Trust information line and parents network. To order bulk copies please contact Vanessa Soriano on 020 7840 3350 or email vsoriano@daycaretrust.org.uk.



European Cities Against Child Poverty network

Launched in 2007, the [European Cities Against Child Poverty Network](#) is the first EU-wide network with a specific focus on tackling child poverty. Led by Greater London Enterprise (GLE), it is funded by the European Commission's PROGRESS fund, and connects partners from Amsterdam, London, Milan, Uppsala and Budapest. London partners include London Councils and the London Development Agency (LDA).

It will run until December 2009 and lead to a common model for integrated local strategies, with a 'how-to' guide and practical examples from across the EU on how to tackle child poverty in cities.

One of the success stories shared was the LDA's Childcare Affordability Programme which helps parents move into training and employment, by subsidising the high costs of London childcare. European cities do not face the same problems as London in this respect, but partners particularly recognised the value of this programme in aligning national, regional and local priorities for tackling worklessness.



Information line service

Our Information line for parents has a new local rate number: 0845 872 6251

The Daycare Trust information line offers information to parents, employers and professionals on childcare options and financial help with childcare costs. It now also offers a telephone interpretation service.

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-1pm and 2-5pm & Wednesday 2-5pm.

Alternatively email us at info@daycaretrust.org.uk

Translated childcare information for parents



Daycare Trust has launched a free audio guide for parents in nine languages. The guide outlines childcare options and the financial help families can get. To listen to or download the guides [click here](#).

Forthcoming events



National childcare week 2009

National Childcare Week 2009 will run from Saturday 6 June to Friday 12 June, with events taking place in childcare settings up and down the country, along with a national launch event. If you want to get involved in the week's activities or just find out more about what Daycare Trust is planning, email [Celia Joseph](#).

London websites



4 In 10: The End Child Poverty London Project [4in10 - www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/london](http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/london) - raising awareness and campaigning on child poverty issues in London, identifying projects that have been shown to have a positive impact, and developing networks to share this good practice.

London Play - www.londonplay.org.uk - working for improved play spaces and services.

Young London Matters - www.younglondonmatters.org - a London approach to Every Child Matters.

Childcare Affordability Programme - www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/nav.00100i002001

Government Office for London (GOL) - www.gos.gov.uk/gol - representing central government across the capital, delivering policies and programmes for eleven central government departments in a joined up way, and making London's case in Whitehall.

London Councils - www.londoncouncils.gov.uk - lobbies the government and others on behalf of its 33 member councils, for a fair share of resources, and to protect and enhance council powers. It also develops policies and supports boroughs to improve their services.

London Development Agency (LDA) - www.lda.gov.uk - working to deliver the Mayor's vision for London to be a sustainable world city with strong, long-term economic

growth, social inclusion and active environmental improvement.

Greater London Authority (GLA) - www.london.gov.uk - aiming to provide strategic direction for the future of London, and overseeing some cross-London services.

Your London news



If you have London news to share, please email Deborah Brodie, London Childcare Project Coordinator, or telephone 020 7840 3387 (direct) / 020 7840 3350 (switchboard).

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