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AGM & Conference

**Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries
Saturday 30 October 2010**

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It has been a year of yet more change for childminding; new scrutiny bodies and quality markers are on the way. The Scottish Government's 'Early Years Framework' continues to grow in prominence as a focal point for practice development. The Framework focuses on the earliest years of life as they are crucial to a child's development. In order to produce healthy, confident, responsible adults, we have to give children the best start in life and this includes making them feel safe, respected and valued.

SCMA has always supported childminders to "build confident children" and the introduction of the Framework further supported what the Association has known all along; that a family-based childcare service can give a child the foundations they need.

The Seminars

Pre-birth to Three: Positive Outcomes for Scotland's Children and Families' - Learning and Teaching Scotland, in collaboration with key partners, has been revising the National Guidance 'Birth to Three – Supporting Our Youngest Children'. The updated version 'Pre-birth to Three: Positive Outcomes for Scotland's Children and Families' has been created to support and inform practice across Scotland. The accompanying new CPD resource will assist practitioners in their work with Scotland's youngest children as they interpret and implement the revised guidance.

Delivered by: Jean Carwood-Edwards, Early Years Team Leader, Learning and Teaching Scotland

The Developing Child – This seminar will reflect on the meaning and purpose of development. Once born, we remain helpless and vulnerable for far longer than other mammals and the reason for this may lie in our need for emotional connection with others. Therefore, there will be a strong emphasis on the importance of the quality of early relationships and its impact on overall development.

Delivered by: Dr Maria Robinson, PhD Independent Adviser in Early Years Development

The Workshops

Successful Learners – Stimulation and Engagement

Every young child has the right to be stimulated and engaged. As we know each child is different and will engage in different ways, at different times and on various levels. Curriculum for Excellence highlights that children who engage in early learning opportunities in a positive, active way will develop confidence, understanding, a depth of knowledge and skills across the whole curriculum and a thirst to learn more.

Delivered by: Alice Sharp, Experiential Play

Confident Individuals – Creative and Confident

Early years practitioners are always anxious that they help their children to have a positive self-image because that gives children the confidence and the very best approach to all the learning and living activities that lie ahead. Play is an excellent tool to encourage all children to develop the skills they will need to be resilient and resourceful. This workshop will explore a variety of ideas to encourage confidence across all areas of learning.

Delivered by: Moyra Boland, Early Years Consultant

Continuous Learning Framework - Personal Capabilities

This workshop will help you explore how you can use the Continuous Learning Framework in a way which promotes your own vision for learning and development. What are Personal Capabilities? The personal capabilities describe the way in which people manage themselves and their relationships with others. The Scottish Social Services Council chose to develop the

personal capabilities for the Framework as there is evidence to suggest that it is these capabilities which add value to the qualifications, knowledge and skills people have gained and therefore the quality of the social services they provide.

Delivered by: Jess Alexander, Education and Workforce Development Advisor, Scottish Social Services Council

Responsible Citizens – Me, You and Us

Even the youngest child wants to be social; they look for company but have no real understanding of how to mix. As adults we should look to embed respect, responsive play and understanding of how 'I' fit in to a pair, a small group or, in fact, a crowd. Our activities should allow children to develop a sense of themselves and also how they can contribute and become a part of their environment, their peer group and their community.

Delivered by: Marie Richardson, Experiential Play

Effective Contributors – Very young children can make effective contributions to their care, learning and development. Research has shown that when the opportunity arises and adults are tuned into children's communications they can make decisions, take responsibility and contribute to community life. This workshop will explore how children's effective contributions can be encouraged and facilitated.

Delivered by: Barbara Dale, Senior External Verifier for Childcare, SQA

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The Keynote Speaker

Dr Maria Robinson: Independent Advisor in early Years Development. Maria trained as a teacher, then as a nurse and a health visitor. It was as a health visitor she became increasingly interested in learning about child development in much more detail.

"The first year of life is the year of opportunity. It is when the foundations for our emotional and social well being, together with our motivation and ability to learn, begin to be laid down by an ongoing interplay of physical, neurological and psychological processes."

More information is available on Maria's website: www.mariarobinson.co.uk.

Friday 29 October

Drinks Reception - Free

Celebrate 25 years of SCMA at the Friday night drinks reception.

As we look ahead to another successful AGM and Conference, we raise a glass on the Friday night to celebrate SCMA's 25th anniversary. So come along and join us in a glass of bubbly or orange juice as we say "Happy Birthday SCMA".

Saturday 30 October

Gala Dinner and Disco - £33 (members) £43 (non-members)

Wonder Woman, Catwoman, Princess Leia... who will you dress up as for SCMA's Action Hero themed Gala Dinner?

On Saturday 30 October, SCMA will host it's annual Gala Dinner to say 'thank you' to all our members and those who have supported Scottish childminding over the past 25 years.

Booking Form

Name

Job Title

Address

Postcode

Tel Number (including code)

Email address

Are you an SCMA Member? Yes No

If yes, enter your membership number here:

If no, would you like a membership form?

Yes No

Will you be attending the Drinks Reception on Friday 29 October – NO FEE

Yes No

Will you be attending the Gala Dinner on Saturday 30 October

MEMBERS £33
NON-MEMBERS £43

Yes No

Please specify any dietary requirements or additional needs:

Is this the first time you have attended SCMA Conference?

Yes No

Do you require use of the crèche?

Yes No

If yes, you will need to provide a lunch for each child, and they will need picked up at lunchtime. Please provide the names and ages of each child attending the crèche:

Your Itinerary

You may attend one workshop or seminar in the morning and one in the afternoon. Places will be allocated on a first come / first served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please make a first and second choice for each session in case we are unable to provide you with your first choice.

My morning session workshop/seminar

First choice:

Second choice:

My afternoon session workshop/seminar

First choice:

Second choice:

Payment details

- Prices frozen from 2009!
- Members – £75 Non-members – £150
(please note lunch is included in this fee)
- *Early Bird Discount, delegates booking before 30 July 2010 only pay £65 for members and £130 for non-members*
- Gala Dinner – £33 members / £43 non-members

Payment for the conference may be made by cheque, postal order or by credit/debit card. To pay by card, call Marketing Services on 01786 445377/option 1.

Alternatively, please complete the form below and return with a cheque (made payable to 'Scottish Childminding Association') or postal order for the correct amount.

Return forms to Conference Bookings 2010, SCMA Head Office, 7 Melville Terrace, Stirling FK8 2ND.

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Please return your booking form by 27 September 2010
NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER 1 OCTOBER



Quality Childminding...building confident children
within a family childcare experience

Timetable

 (subject to change)

- 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.30 Welcome and Introductions
- 10.00 AGM
- 10.50 Bluefin Presentation
- 11.00 Care Commission Forum
- 11.30 Workshop/Seminar one
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 Buckeroos Drama Group
- 14.45 Workshop/Seminar two
- 16.15 SCMA Achievement Awards
- 16.30 Close

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Directions

Directions will be included in your delegate pack which will be posted to you nearer the conference date.

Accommodation

Please contact The Aston Hotel for information on 01387 272410 or email: enquiries@astonhoteldumfries.co.uk. Please note: accommodation is limited at the Aston Hotel.

Alternatively, contact Visit Scotland for information on other available accommodation. Tel: 0845 225 5121 or visit: www.visitscotland.com.

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