



WILL YOU COME?

In two months time the **National Playwork Conference** is scheduled to take place in Eastbourne

Over 100 people responded to the October question of “**should we continue?**” with a resounding ‘**YES**’.

So now it is crunch time: If there is going to be a **Conference** – with all the great sessions that you have come to expect from previous years then I need a commitment from you, your colleagues and the sector to book and attend.

I am not asking you for any money yet and I am not asking you to fill in a booking form, yet - what I need to know is that 200 people will come if I put it on.

This is what will be offered to you at this year’s **Conference**:

- **Play Thoughts**

- Extending our thinking about play with four key sessions looking at play from different perspectives.

- **Playwork Theory**

- Attend sessions to give you your first insights into the Play Cycle; Play Types; Compound Flexibility; Loose Parts or stretch yourself with more advanced thinking on playwork theory.

- **Thinking About Behaviour**

- Is it managing behaviour? Or responding to behaviour? Or understanding behaviour? Or working with behaviour. This set of linked sessions explores the issues of children’s behaviours and how the adult reacts and responds to it.

- **Play Around the World**

- If you are interested in what is happening in other countries about children's play then this track is for you.

- **Child's Right to Play**

- The International Play Association is the organisation that leads on the Child's Right to Play and they have developed much good work. Here we draw on their projects and also open the discussion to 'Rights' or 'Need'

- **Current Research**

- Hear from the new thinkers of today and tomorrow about how they are advancing our thinking about play and playwork.

- **Making Inclusion Inclusive**

- Inclusion can be tokenistic and if we look at our settings can we honestly say that we are offering a provision which is accessed by all parts of our community? What do we need to do to make our setting more accessible and we need to remember that inclusion is more than just disability!

- **Forest School and Playwork**

- Not mutually exclusive we have much that playwork can learn from the Forest School movement and likewise perhaps there is a sharing about playwork practice that can be used in Forest School

- **Early Years and Playwork**

- The pioneering thinkers in early years such as Montessori, Pestalozzi and Froebel formulated ways of supporting children and many of their views are not so far from the ways of playwork. This track will look at early years, play and playwork and what we can learn from each other.

- **Playwork and Older Children**

- In playwork we make an offer to ALL children and according to the UNCRC children remain so until they are eighteen. So what do we need to think about and understand in our work with the non primary school aged children?

- **Revisiting Intervention**

- Playwork has an accepted set of 'Appropriate Intervention Styles' but there is much more that needs to be considered in our everyday interactions with children and the how and when of our intervention in their play.

These eleven tracks will be taking place over the two days plus there will be sessions that do not fit into one of these themes and other random happenings going on around the venue.

The **cost** for **Conference** is **£300 per person** [this includes Tuesday and Wednesday at **Conference**, hotel accommodation in a shared room Tuesday night and breakfast Wednesday morning plus the Annual Playwork Awards ceremony on Tuesday night]. A hotel room for the Monday night is £40 in a shared room and a single room is a £10 supplement.

We know that this cost is a lot for organisations who want to bring more than one delegate – so we have come up with this discounting idea:

We are able to offer discounts to organisations that are wanting to bring more than one person

1st person £300

2nd person £225

3rd person £200

4th person £175

There is also a **Day Delegate rate** of **£125.00** per person per day. [This does not include hotel accommodation or the Playwork Awards ceremony]

WHAT TO DO NOW:

Email me: bookings@playworkconference.org.uk and tell me how many places you are committing to.

Please also email me with any questions that you may have.

If possible please circulate the attached through your networks and social media.