

Family Learning: Delivering a Learning Society

'Since we cannot know what knowledge will be most needed in the future, it is senseless to try to teach it in advance. Instead, we should try to turn out people who love learning so much and learn so well that they will be able to learn whatever needs to be learned.'

John Holt

Family Learning is a diverse, holistic and innovative approach to learning using family life, roles and responsibilities and school support as the context for re-engaging adults in learning and raising children achievement.

The past decade has seen the emergence of family learning across Europe and this conference brings together some fascinating examples of effective practice from eleven European countries, with European policy makers and robust research evidence.

This residential conference is a wonderful opportunity to find out about some of the diverse ways family learning is being used to stimulate learning and get some innovative ideas to inform your own practice. It will also provide a chance to network and form new partnerships across Europe and explore beautiful Stratford-upon-Avon, in the heart of England; the birthplace of William Shakespeare and home to the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The conference is the culmination of three years work by members of the European Family Learning Network.

www.efln.eu

Programme Monday 21 September 2009

- AM** **Arrival and Registration**
- 13.00** **Lunch**
- 14.30** **Welcome and Introduction**
Juliette Collier, Head of Family Learning, Campaign for Learning (UK)
- 14.50** **A European Vision for a Learning Society**
Helene Banega, Grundtvig project officer, EACEA, representing Angela Vegliante, Head of Grundtvig Sector in the Lifelong Learning Programme
- 15.10** **Assessing the Impact of Family Literacy Programmes**
Helen Casey, Executive Director National Research and Development Centre for Adult Literacy and Numeracy (UK)
- 15.40** **Break**
- 16.10** **Family Learning Case Studies:**
- Dads in the Picture: dads and male carers in family learning
- Creating family 'learning to learn' programmes
- 16.50** **Performance by Sister Tree**
- 17.20** **Finish**
- 19.00** **Dinner/Social**