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## **PACS Newsletter – December 2007**

Dear PACS members



### **New Year Party**

We are planning a New Year Party together with Adoption UK members. The date is Saturday 26 January at our usual venue Logie Kirk, Alloa Road, Causewayhead, Stirling, FK9 5LH, from 12.30 - 3.30pm. There will be a variety of activities and entertainment for the children and an opportunity for PACS members to meet each other and Adoption UK families. Please bring along a small amount of food to share. Please put this in your diary, with further particulars and a reminder coming to you nearer to the date.

### **Call for submissions to the first UK anthology of writing and poetry on adoption by and for adopted children to be edited by Perlita Harris and published by BAAF in 2008**

Perlita Harris, a colleague of mine, got in touch to say that she is putting together the first UK anthology of writing and poetry on adoption by and for adopted children. Her first book *'In search of belonging: Reflections by transracially adopted people'*, was published by the British Association of Adoption and Fostering in 2006. Perlita, an adoptee, is looking for personal stories of adoption, poetry, memoirs and reflections from adopted children and young people aged five to 20 years to create a book to help people understand what adoption is like. Pieces of writing and poetry can be a few sentences long or as much as 3000 words each. Adopted children are invited to submit artwork and photographs about adoption for this new book.

Please contact Perlita for further details at [Perlita.Harris2@btinternet.com](mailto:Perlita.Harris2@btinternet.com) or write to her: Perlita Harris, c/o BAAF, Saffron House, 6 -10 Kirby Street, London EC1N 8TS.

### **Training Workshop on Parenting Adopted Teenagers**

The above Adpction UK event for parents and practitioners will take place in Edinburgh on Saturday 1 March 2008. The workshop will explore issues that affect carers and children during the teenage years and highlights the warning signs that suggest serious emotional or behavioural difficulties. It also covers issues of control in relation to the older child, along with ways in which carers can maximise their influence over behaviour without alienating the young person.

PACS will cover the cost of the workshop. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

*My best wishes to you for Christmas and New Year.*



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