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PACS NEWSLETTER MAY 2006

In the last PACS Newsletter we mentioned we were planning a families get-together for parents and children towards early summer. We've had some difficulties in arranging this, and there are other events coming up which would have meant too many activities in a short space of time. We will re-schedule the the get-together in September 2006, so watch out for details.

Below please find information on two events in June organised by Adoption UK. If you are interested PACS will pay the fees for your attendance. Could you please let me know by **Friday 26 of May** and I will book the places for you. For both events registration will take place 9.30 am for a 10am start, and finish by 4pm.

**Summer Seminar 2006
Adoption and Attachment:
from understanding into practice**

**Presented by: Dr Helen Minnis and Adoption UK's Training
Team**

For parents, foster carers and practitioners

On Saturday 3 June 2006

**At Aberlour Trust Training Suite/Adoption UK office
Floor 2, Greenside House, 25 Greenside Place, Edinburgh EH1 3AA**

The one-day seminar will present an understanding of attachment theory and the development of strategies to help hurt children. Dr Helen Minnis, Senior Lecturer in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Glasgow, who is currently working to develop diagnostic tools for assessing Reactive Attachment Disorder, will describe her recent research and its practical application for adoptive families.

Adoption UK trainers, working alongside Dr Minnis, will look at everyday strategies to help parents with children who have attachment difficulties.

New Adoption UK Training Course for adoptive parents, foster carers and practitioners

Edinburgh 8 June 2006

At Aberlour Trust Training Suite/Adoption UK office
Floor 2, Greenside House, 25 Greenside Place, Edinburgh EH1 3AA

PARENTAL SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Implications for adopted children and their families

This one day course has been developed at a time when there is rising concern about parental substance misuse and its effects on children. It identifies many of the issues associated with parental substance misuse and how these may impact on children in adoptive and foster families. It aims to provide information on the physical and behavioural effects on children born to parents misusing drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and the possible long-term implications. There is an emphasis on the effects of alcohol, reflecting current concerns and research findings.

The course material highlights links with attachment difficulties and provides comparisons with other disorders. It gives participants knowledge and information which will enable them to develop strategies for the care of children affected by parental substance misuse at home, in school and in the community. Information is included on resources, support and therapy.

Directions to Adoption UK Edinburgh Office:

Tel: 0131 558 2662

This is approximately 10 minutes walk from Waverley station.

From the station/ Princes Street:

- Walk out of the station using the Waverley Steps exit.
- Turn right at the top of the steps and cross at the pedestrian crossing along and to your left, in front to the Balmoral Hotel.
- Once across the road, turn right and keep walking. In front you'll see the Princes' Mall shopping centre.
- Keep to the right, with the shopping centre on your left, and walk down Leith Street, passing the Thistle Hotel on your left.
- Keep walking down Leith Street towards the roundabout, passing John Lewis on your left hand side.
- Just before the roundabout use the pedestrian crossing to cross over Leith Street heading towards the Omni Cinema Complex. Once across the road turn left and walk straight ahead.
- Greenside Place is on the right just past the Omni Cinema Complex.
- The Playhouse Theatre is on your right and the main door to Greenside House is between the CC Blooms Bar entrance and the Theatre Royal Bar entrance.
- Ring the buzzer for "Adoption UK"

PACS COMMITTEE MEETING

This will take place on **Tuesday the 20th of June, 10.30 am**, in Stirling Council's Children Services Offices, Drummond House, Stirling, FK8 2EG, Tel: 01786 471177. We hope to discuss PACS future directions and activities and would value your ideas and comments and look forward to seeing you – the meeting is open to all families, not just committee members.

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