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Dear PACS members

We hope you are having a good summer. Please find below information about two events which might be of interest to you.

WHY ATTACHMENT MATTERS SEMINAR

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2009

SIRCC (Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care) – SAIA (Scottish Attachment in Action)

GLASGOW MARRIOTT HOTEL, 500 ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW, G3 8R

The seminar will start at 13.00 and finish at 16.30 with a drinks reception to follow.
PACS will cover the cost of the seminar for its members.

Background and Aims

Do children who have been harmed through relationships need to heal through relationships?

This seminar brings together four internationally recognised experts in the field of relational development and growth:

- Colwyn Trevarthen – Professor (Emeritus) of Child Psychology & Psychobiology, University of Edinburgh.
- Dr. Helen Minnis, Senior Lecturer, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Glasgow.
- Joe Nee, Independent Consultant Psychologist.
- Dr. Dan Hughes, Clinical Psychologist, USA.

More information about the speakers can be found at www.sircc.org.uk in the events section.

The seminar is for anyone who works with or cares for children. Participants will explore why – from the moment of birth and all through childhood and beyond, attachment matters. The speakers will offer current information on how attachment theory and research inform our understanding of, practice with and therapeutic support of all children, particularly those who have experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect in their early years.

If you would like to attend the seminar please let me know by Tuesday 25 August at the latest.

DADS' GROUP

A small but growing number of adoptive fathers meet in groups to provide support, and have found it beneficial. As one adoptive father puts it *“.....we have all shared and learnt a lot about being an adoptive dad. When we started out many of us felt that this role was not properly recognised as different from a birth father. As we discovered, we all had different experiences to share with each other in an entertaining, supportive and enjoyable situation”*

Adoption UK runs a group for adoptive fathers in Glasgow, organised by Dave Lettice who writes:

“Our Glasgow Adoption UK Dad’s group meets at the Chaplaincy Centre in John Street, Glasgow. Our next meeting is on Thursday September 24 at 7.30pm and we would like to extend an invitation to PACS members to join us . It is a chance to meet up informally and chat about adoption related issues, we will also be making plans for further events during the year that you may wish to be involved in. For more details contact Dave Lettice on 0141 583 2794. You will be very welcome at the meeting whatever stage you are in your adoption journey.”

With best wishes

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