

A young girl with dark hair is shown in profile, blowing a dandelion seed. The background is a bright, green field with many other dandelion seeds floating in the air. The scene is captured in a soft, natural light, suggesting a sunny day.

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ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES CONFERENCE **A POSITIVE CHILDHOOD** FOR ALL CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2007
PROSPERO HOUSE LONDON SE1 1GA

SPEAKERS: Professor Judith Dunn, Professor of Developmental Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, and Chair of the Good Childhood Inquiry; Roger Morgan OBE, Children's Rights Director for England; a spokesperson from the Department for Children, Schools and Families; two executive members from the English Secondary Students' Association (ESSA)

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PROGRAMME

- 9:15 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
- 9:45 INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR
- 10:00 DCSF SPOKESPERSON
Tackling inequality — creating an age of opportunity for all children
- 10:45 PROFESSOR JUDITH DUNN
Emerging evidence from the Good Childhood Inquiry
- 11:30 REFRESHMENTS
- 11:50 BREAKOUT SEMINARS
- 13:00 LUNCH
- 14:00 TWO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FROM ESSA
Making school a positive experience
- 14:45 ROGER MORGAN OBE
Children's rights as children see them
- 15:30 CLOSE

BREAKOUT SEMINARS WILL COVER:

- A** Commissioning for prevention
- B** Children's mental health services
- C** Pupil and family engagement with learning
- D** Closing the achievement gap
- E** Staying safe — improving outcomes

CONTEXT

The UNICEF report, *Child poverty in perspective: an overview of child well-being in rich countries*, provided an assessment of the lives and well-being of children and young people in 21 industrialised countries.

The UK was ranked in the bottom third group for five of the six headings reviewed, and particular areas of concern were the risk behaviours of young people, relative poverty levels, educational well-being, relationships with peers, and satisfaction with life.

Back in 2004, *Every Child Matters: Next Steps* said that children wanted society to “value the experience of childhood”. The Change for Children programme, at root, is designed to ensure childhood experiences are positive — in effect, this outcome is viewed as every child’s right.

The CSN Children’s Services Conference, now a major annual event, will give participants the opportunity to consider how well are we doing in working towards this aim.

Our three major plenary speakers will cover issues of inequality, what a ‘good childhood’ might mean, and the rights of vulnerable children. There is also a programme of practical breakout seminars on topical issues.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- **Lead Members and Chairs of Scrutiny involved in Children’s Services**
- **Chief Officers and Directors of Children’s Services**
- **Senior (strategic level) managers in education, social care and health and in the voluntary and community sector**
- **Heads of Overview and Scrutiny Services responsible for scrutiny of children’s services**
- **Members of governing bodies for organisations delivering children’s services.**

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DELEGATE RATES

STANDARD: £215 (£252.62 INC VAT)

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS: £145 (£170.37 INC VAT)

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Email (specifically for joining instructions): _____

Special requirements (Please inform us of any special requirements, dietary or otherwise): _____

Delegates will attend one breakout seminar. Please list three preferences in ranked order, for example C,E,B **1** **2** **3**

Cancellation policy: A fee of £50 will be charged for cancellations received after Wednesday 7 November.

Cancellations received after Monday 19 November will result in the full delegate rate being charged.

Substitutions may be made at any time. All cancellations and substitutions must be made in writing (email, fax or letter).

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