

Children and Young People's Services Annual Conference 2008: The Children's Plan One Year On

"Our aim is to make this the best place in the world for our children and young people to grow up...We have been listening to parents, teachers, professionals and children and young people and the Children's Plan responds to their concerns. Over the next ten years I believe this plan will herald a radical change in the range of positive activities for our young people and a revolution in the way parents are involved in their child's education."

— Ed Balls MP, Secretary for Children, Families & Schools, 11th December 2007

Event Details

Title: **Children and Young People's Services Annual Conference 2008: The Children's Plan One Year On**

Date: Thursday 11th December 2008

Time: 10:00am — 4:10pm
(followed by networking drinks)

Venue: Academy Conference Centre, London

Organiser

Public Policy Exchange, in association with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future policy development across all areas of public policy.

Overview

In December last year, building on the progress made through the Every Child Matters Agenda, the Children's Secretary Ed Balls, outlined details of *The Children's Plan: Building Brighter Futures* through which, it is hoped, the Government's vision for children, young people and families will be fully realised. The proposals advocate an integrated approach to child welfare that extends far beyond the traditional role of the classroom with important roles for local authorities, health services and the third sector. Despite the gloomy outlook for the economy, the Prime Minister recently reaffirmed the Government's commitment to deliver the promised investment aimed at fulfilling the key pledges – particularly in early years, childcare and eliminating child poverty by the year 2020.

Exactly one year on from the declaration of the ambitious set of targets for the next decade, the Children and Young People's Services Annual Conference 2008, hosted by the *Centre for Parliamentary Studies*, offers an invaluable opportunity for local practitioners and stakeholders to gain a vital update on the progress to date, and more importantly, a look ahead to the coming year and beyond.

Examining the implementation and delivery objectives of the Children's Plan, the conference will be framed around the two key themes of developing integrated services and workforce reform – essential components in building the framework for the children's services of tomorrow. Participants will have the opportunity to consider the key issues, including:

- Legislation, Key Bills and Policy Development in the Year Ahead
- A New Leadership Role for Children's Trusts in Every Area
- Supporting Stronger Local Joint Commissioning & Capacity Building
- Towards a Professional Development Framework for Leaders & Managers
- Extending the Third Sector Strategy and Action Plan 2007

Delegates will have the opportunity to debate, share good practice and network with colleagues from across the children & young people's services, education, local authority and government landscape.

Who should attend?

Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinators, Directors of Children's Services, Children's Services & Families Services Officers, Sure Start, Children's Trusts and Children's Centres, Early Years and Childcare Practitioners, Children's Health Service Professionals, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Practitioners, Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinators, Teachers and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators, Local Education Authorities, Education Providers, Sports & Recreation Providers, Extended Schools Advisors, Social Workers and Social Services Officers, Children & Youth Organisations, Community Development Managers, Social Exclusion and Neighbourhood Renewal Teams, Youth Workers and Youth Offending Teams, Community Safety Teams, Police Service, Welfare Rights Organisations, Training Organisations, Employers, DCSF, DWP, DoH and other Central Government Departments and Agencies, Equality and Diversity Practitioners, Third Sector Practitioners, Academics and Researchers, Trade Unions, Educational Psychologists