

booktrust conference

The gift of books: inspiring a lifelong love of reading

Monday 22 February 2010

10am – 4pm followed by networking reception until 5pm

Dunsilly Hotel, 20 Dunsilly Road, Antrim BT41 2JH

This one day conference will present Booktrust's bookgifting programmes and activities as offered across Northern Ireland. The focus will be on best practice and ways to build on Booktrust's work with partners to ensure targeted provision and better access for all.



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Who will benefit?

This conference will benefit all those interested in using Booktrust's programmes to inspire children with a lifelong love of books.

Managers and professionals from health, libraries and education, Bookstart Coordinators, Sure Start managers and staff, voluntary sector managers and development workers.

Fee

£50 + VAT

Early bird offer 2 places for the price of 1 (£50 + VAT) until Friday 18 December 2009

Price includes coffee/tea, lunch and a networking reception

Exhibition

There will be an opportunity to pick up information and speak to project managers on every area of Booktrust's work at the exhibition, which will be open during registration and in refreshment breaks.

Key speeches

Opening address (Viv Bird, CEO, Booktrust)

Bookstart – the programme (Rosemary Clarke, Director of Booktrust's Bookgifting Programmes)

Booktime – the programme (Valerie Nicholson, Libraries NI and Athena Davis, Acorn Integrated School)

The Letterbox Club – the programme (Rose Griffiths, Lecturer in Education, University of Leicester and Malachy Doyle, author and patron of The Letterbox Club)



Conference host

The event will be chaired by **Sarah Travers**, presenter of BBC Newsline and Family Focus



Key note speaker

Patricia Lewsley, Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People

Panel debate

'The challenges of keeping children and young people reading' chaired by **Sarah Travers**

Panel members:



Viv Bird, Chief Executive, Booktrust



Malachy Doyle, Children's author and patron of The Letterbox Club



Anne Connolly, Director of Planning and Performance for Libraries, Northern Ireland



Kate Lewis, Director of the Fostering Network, Northern Ireland



Clare Devlin, Early Education Consultant and parent



Angela McLernon, Nursing Officer, DHSS&PS

Workshops

1. **Exploring disability issues** - this discussion-based workshop will look at how Booktrust is making its programmes more accessible and inclusive; explore key concepts, language and terminology relating to disability; develop understanding of key audiences with additional needs (e.g. visually impaired and deaf children); share good practice and discuss ways of ensuring activity is inclusive and accessible to all.

Kay Devine, Deputy to the Director of Bookstart

2. **Books from the Beginning - the power of stories at home** - this workshop will provide research evidence to show the benefits of sharing stories from an early age and provide strategies and helpful hints to encourage and support parents to share books with their children in the home environment.

Clare Devlin, Early Education Consultant

3. **Open the Book** - this hands-on workshop will explore inventive and creative journeys into books for reluctant readers with fun activities such as storytelling, craft, Manga and fashion design for children and young people. The session will include displays and demonstrations and deals with encouraging the disenchanted reader to feel good about books using a medium they are comfortable with.

Valerie Nicholson Children's Services Support, Libraries NI

Special Announcements

Launch of Northern Ireland Bookstart Baby bag (Anne Connolly, Director of Planning and Performance for Libraries, Northern Ireland)

The Bookstart+ pilot (Angela McLernon, Nursing Officer DHSS&PS)



Booktrust is an independent national charity dedicated to encouraging people of all ages and cultures to engage with books and the written word. All of our activity helps us to fulfil our vision in promoting a lifelong love of reading for all.

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1 Email your contact details with a purchase order number and postal address to: **mandeep.kalsi@booktrust.org.uk**
We will then register you and send you an invoice

2 Fax this form to: **020 8516 2978**

3 Post this form to: **Mandeep Kalsi, Booktrust, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ**

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(*please note VAT will be calculated at 15% until 1 January 2010)

Data protection

We would like to retain your contact details to send you invitations to future events and information about our work. Should you not wish to receive such communications, please tick here.

We would like to include your name, title and organisation (but not your address) on the delegate list. Should you not wish for us to do this, please tick here.

Payment

Payment is required in advance and must be received at least 10 working days before the event. We reserve the right to cancel bookings where payment has not been received by this time.

Cancellation and refund policy

All delegate fees must be paid in advance of the conference. Your fee is refundable, subject to a cancellation fee of £30 plus VAT, provided you cancel in writing more than seven working days before the conference. No refunds are available for cancellations within seven working days of the event, though substitutions can be made at any time.

Programme

Booktrust reserves the right to vary the published programme of speakers and the timing of the sessions.

Please register the following delegates (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

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Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss/Dr

First Name

Last Name

Position

Email

Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss/Dr

First Name

Last Name

Position

Email

2

Name of organisation

Address

.....Postcode.....

Tel.

3

Please select which workshop you would like to attend in order of preference (1-3)

Delegate 1 Delegate 2

Exploring disability issues

Books from the beginning - the power of stories at home

Open the Book

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Please indicate here any special needs or dietary requirements

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Please tick appropriate boxes below:

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