

Applied Psychology in the Community: Do EPs need to get out more?

Programme Synopsis

Educational Psychologists are likely to become more community focused within the new Children's Services, with reduced emphasis on school-based work (Farrell et al, 2006, p.12)

This intriguing sentence was buried deep in the detail of the report on the function and contribution of EPs to the 'Every Child Matters' agenda: but unfortunately for the profession, there was surprisingly little information provided on how such a move into the community should be accomplished.

In this presentation, the potential of such a practice shift will be discussed, some examples of the employment of applied psychology in a community setting will be discussed and evaluated and consideration will be given to the constraints and possibilities of working outside the school gates. It is hoped that some of the potential benefits of community-based work will emerge and a few avoidable pitfalls will be highlighted. It is also hoped that a satisfactory answer can be given to the challenge, first posed by Bender nearly 40 years ago...'Community Psychology: When?'

References:

Bender, M.P. (1979) Community Psychology: When? *Bulletin of the British Psychological Society*, **32**, 6-9.

Farrell, P., Woods, K., Lewis, S., Rooney, S., Squires, G., & O'Connor, M. (2006) *A Review of the Functions and Contribution of Educational Psychologists in England and Wales in light of "Every Child Matters: Change for Children"*. (DfES Research Report RR792). London: DfES.

About the visiting speakers:

Prof Carolyn Kagan is also Director of the Institute for Health and Social Change and has worked for over two decades on projects for disabled people and families living in poverty both in the UK and abroad.

Dr Alex Lindley is a major national and international figure in the Positive Psychology movement and has a particular interest in the empowerment of communities.

Dr Kevin Rowland, was formerly the PEP in the innovatory Plymouth Community Psychologist Service which provided within-family, within school and within-community psychological services.

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Programme

- 09.30 Registration and Coffee
- 10.00 Introduction to the theme of the day
Dr Seán Cameron, *Co-director of the CPD doctorate programme in Educational Psychology (DEdPsy) at UCL*
- 10:15 Action-orientated research and evaluation on projects in the community
Professor Carolyn Kagan, *Community Social Psychology at Manchester Metropolitan University*
- 11.15 Comments from the audience
- 11-30 Coffee break
- 11.50 Positive Psychology in the community: current initiatives and future possibilities.
Dr Alex Lindley, *Director of the Centre for Applied Positive Psychology at the University of Warwick*
- 12.50 Comments from the audience
- 01-00 Lunch
- 02.00 Community empowerment and capability building: the contribution of Educational Psychologists.
Dr Kevin Rowland, *PEP in Richmond Educational Psychological Service*
- 03.00 Comments and contributions from the audience
- 03-30 Short comfort break
- 03.45 Themes and possibilities emerging from this Leading-edge Psychology day
Dr Susan Birch, *Senior Psychologist in Buckinghamshire and tutor to the CPD doctorate programme in Educational Psychology (DEdPsy) at UCL*
- 04.00 End of Leading-edge Psychology day



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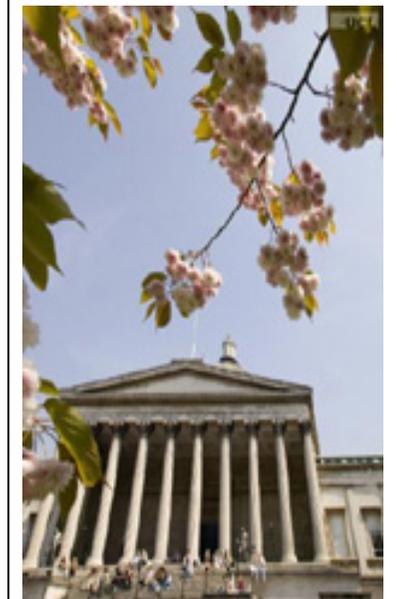
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