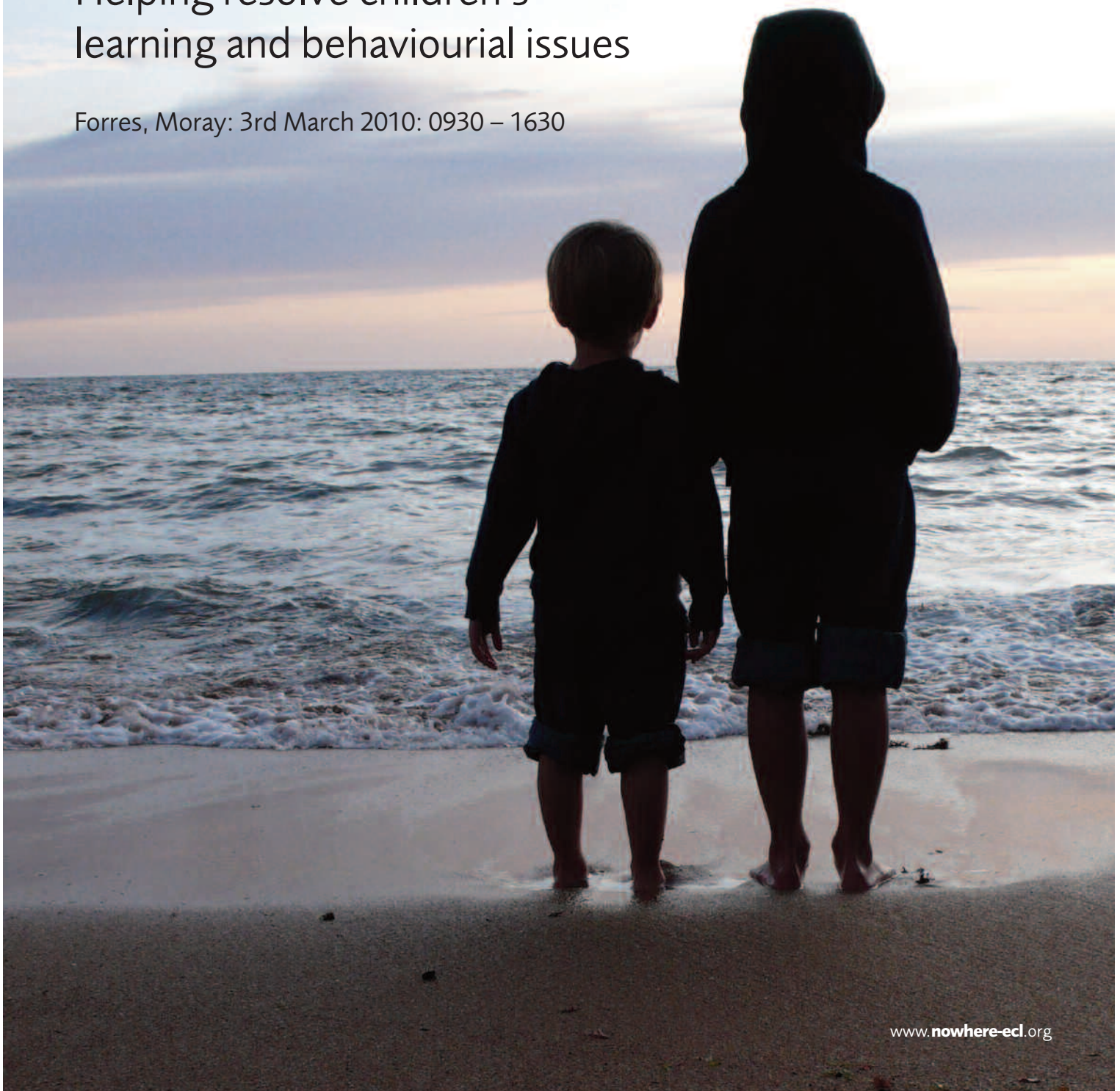




Dissolving Barriers to Learning

Helping resolve children's
learning and behavioural issues

Forres, Moray: 3rd March 2010: 0930 – 1630





Many children, despite their best efforts, find it difficult to engage with learning. This can affect their behaviour or their desire to go to school and will increasingly affect their attainment. The impact, both on schools and parents, is often considerable.

'Dissolving Barriers to Learning' is a new 'systemic' resource for schools and parents who need to create coping strategies for children experiencing difficulties at school.

This one-day workshop helps them by creating a simple yet comprehensive map of the child's situation in its wider context. It enables parents and teachers to see the often hidden relationships between important people and events, stimulating new thinking about ways forward.

Benefits

The workshop enables parents and professionals to develop

- A new shared picture of the fuller situation of the issues that are affecting the child's engagement with learning
- Fresh ideas on how to develop strategies for progress

The process is well established in England and was developed as part of the Department for Children, Schools and Families' 'Next Practice' initiative. It will be the first event of its kind in Scotland.

How it works

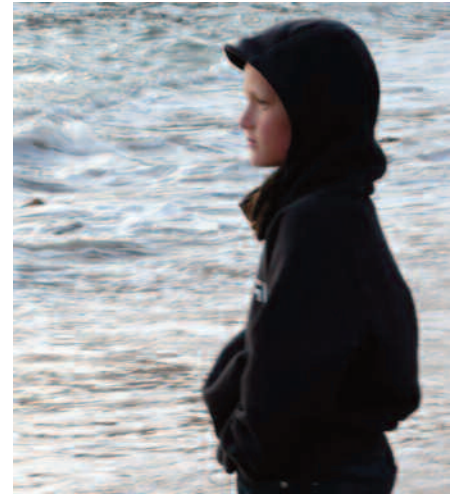
Parents, head teachers, teachers, support staff and other professionals form as a group to explore issues on behalf of a child experiencing difficulty. The child does not usually attend, although older pupils (16+) may sometimes attend in person. Parents and school may come together to share the issue, whilst other participants may attend who wish to experience and learn from the approach. There are usually 3 or 4 issues worked on during the day.

Facilitators

The workshop is facilitated by **Stephen Busby** and **Lucy Thomas**. Stephen has been leading personal and organisational systemic constellation days in the Findhorn Community for the past year and in his work in Germany and Switzerland. Lucy has taught in primary and secondary schools in Scotland, England and New Zealand. She is committed to supporting systemic practices within education and is currently developing a range of classroom based exercises to support young people's learning.

For more information or to book a place

The price per place is **£40 + VAT**. To discuss the workshop or to book a place contact **Lucy Thomas** on 078 33 99 31 07 or email her at lucy.thomas@nowhere-ecl.org
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