



# Whole child: Whole system

the first **ecl** conference

6 – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Bath, UK

£400 + VAT (daily rates are also available)

**Our children hold the keys to a future that we can only begin to imagine – and yet we are their guides and teachers. It is time to explore new ways of learning and teaching that will release their creative potential.**

This statement captures the purpose and intent of **ecl**. It is an innovative systemic initiative for schools, families and other educational organisations facing the crucial challenge of educating children and young people for an unknown future. Traditional approaches to education won't be enough; we need to reappraise how we are preparing the next generation so they can thrive.

**ecl** has been designed as both an on-going *enquiry* into how we might ensure wellbeing, encourage learning and stimulate creativity in children and indeed all involved in educating them – teachers, leaders and parents. Uniquely, the results and products of the enquiry also offer an ever expanding practical *resource* to help people put truly fresh ideas into practice.

**ecl** is an invitation to progressive parents, teachers, school leaders and policy makers all over the world to rethink education from a more holistic perspective. Based on the two powerful principles of 'whole child: whole system', **ecl** has been developed over seven years in UK schools by educational professionals and systemic practitioners working creatively together. Our work is being launched as a new practice which is specifically designed to help meet the pressing issues and opportunities that are demanding new ways of seeing and acting.

To mark this step we are organising a gathering that brings together people who have played a part in the developing insights, ideas and resources, with people who are actively interested in exploring new ideas for educating the next generation. The conference will take place over four days, in the beautiful city of Bath in south west England, and will provide an opportunity for participants to

- meet with thought leaders and practitioners working in schools and with families to share and build ideas, learn about new developments as well as co-create ways of moving forward
- experience and explore some of the many resources that have been and are being developed including an interactive, on line QUEST process, approaches to leading systemic change across the whole school, architectural designs that support relationships for learning, a systemic mediation process, a school wide peer mentoring scheme, classrooms learning tools and many more.



Taking part will enable you to understand the practice and importantly start to become equipped to set up events and activities in your own locality/country leading to an enhancement of your own practice as a teacher, parent or educational consultant.

### Who is the conference for?

We are looking to attract a cross section of people from a number of countries, so if you are

- a leader within a school, college or the wider education system
- a classroom practitioner - teacher, teaching assistant or behaviour specialist
- an education professional working with children or young people
- an academic, consultant, teacher trainer or policy maker

... and above all if you want to experience something truly innovative that can support the education of our children growing up in a fast changing and uncertain world.

### The conference

#### Day 1: Principles & practice

**Welcome**  
to the conference.

**ecl - developing the practice & a vision for the future**

*Jane James & Terry Ingham*

**Principles and practice of working systemically**

*Jane James, Mannie Burn and Val Cuff*

**Storytelling, children and a systemic perspective**

*Geoff Mead and Allison Royce*

#### Day 2: Parents & families

**The Dissolving Barriers to Learning Process**

*Judith Hemming and Steph Grey-Blest*

*or*

**Visits to local schools**

St John's Warminster, Chapmanslade and Ralph Allen schools.

**ecl, family life and learning circles for parents**

*Judith Hemming and Mannie Burn*

**Working with vulnerable families**

*Mark Griffiths*

*or*

**Family bereavement through a systemic lens**

*Val Cuff*

#### Day 3: Teachers & classrooms

**A systemic approach in the primary school classrooms**

*Caroline Dixon, Judith Hemming & Terry Ingham*

**Transitions: from Primary to Secondary school**

*Libby Lee and Jane James*

*or*

**Systemic perspectives in the training of teachers**

*Jurg Tholke & Fionnuala Herder-Wynne*

**The Inside Outside Programme**

*Lucy Thomas and Steve Busby*

*or*

**Peer Mentoring**

*Steve Rose and Terry Ingham*

**Systemic mediation**

*A workshop with Chris Charles & Ellie van der Est*

#### Day 4: Leaders & change

**Leading Systemic Change in schools**

*Sue Abbotson and Libby Lee*

**Re-thinking the design of our schools**

*James Wetz*

**The creAte approach to leadership & catalyst coaching**

*Sue Abbotson & Jane James*

**Integrating learning and close**

*Jane James and Terry Ingham*

### Booking a place

You can book a place for the whole programme or for part of it. All prices are exclusive of VAT.

Day 1 - £90    Day 2 - £125    Day 3 - £125    Day 4 - £ 80

If you would like further information or book a place, please contact Jane James at

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