

NCB MEMBERSHIP FORUM

We are your representatives on NCB's Membership Forum – you can find us below listed under the categories of membership we were elected or appointed to represent.

A networking site for communication and consultation with our “constituencies” was launched in early 2011, where you can instigate discussion and debate with reps and other members. For details on how to gain access to this site, please email forumreps@ncb.org.uk or call NCB Membership on 020 7843 6080.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

Marie Janaway

I am currently Head of Policy, Quality and Performance with responsibility for strategy and policy development, Enfield's Children's Trust, inspections (OFSTED, CAA, YOS, service inspections etc), business and performance management, research and information, information governance, customer relations including complaints, access to social care records and school admission appeals. I work closely with corporate colleagues, ensuring that the department's improvement priorities are embedded in Council strategic planning. As strategic lead on children's health, I work very closely with colleagues in the PCT (both commissioner and provider) and with public health. I have a particular interest in knowledge management and performance management and a good understanding of all major children's services priorities and developments.

Alison Robinson

I currently manage two Children and Family Centres at West Sussex Council, one rural and one urban; both are 70% centres. I have worked in the private and statutory sectors in a variety of roles. Recently, I have contributed to several strategic developments – the writing of a commissioning framework for paediatric in-patients, and the re-engineering of the County Service Model for perinatal mental health services. I am a member of the Horsham District Health and Wellbeing group, and am particularly interested in access to health services for rural families. Both of my Centres focus on finding creative ways to engage with families who do not easily or usually access services. One of the successes of our Centres is our thriving volunteer programme, which has a multi generational focus and builds self esteem, provides job opportunities (experience) for local families and ensures a range of community involvement.

HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Paul Cutler

I work in the field of children and young people's participation and health. I am currently an Expert Health Advisor for the Centre for Public Scrutiny, an NHS Non-Executive Director for Bexley Care Trust, a consultant for a variety of local authorities on issues around patient involvement and health inequalities, as well as a consultant and trainer for NCB and Participation Works. I am particularly interested in the involvement of children and young people in commissioning and in the governance of health services.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVES

Sally Jenkinson

I have been working at The Children's Trust for 9 years, the last 7 as Director of Children's Services. The Children's Trust provides nursing care, therapy and education to children/young people with profound and multiple learning disabilities and complex health needs and those with an acquired brain injury. I have just retired from two trusteeships with national umbrella organisations: ACT - The Association for Children's Palliative Care, and UKABIF – the United Kingdom Brain Injury Forum. I am also on the Management Committee of the Surrey Teaching Service Pupil Referral Unit. I am passionate about ensuring that children with complex congenital, metabolic and acquired disabilities receive services based on assessed needs to enhance their quality of life and are given the opportunity to have fun.

Pauline Walmsley

I am Director of Knowledge Exchange at Early Years – the organisation for young children - which is the largest organisation in Northern Ireland for young children. We are a non-profit making organisation and have been working since 1965 to promote high quality childcare and pre-school education for children aged 0-12 and their families. In my role I am responsible for communications, policy, advocacy, public affairs and supporting the development of key relationships in the UK and internationally. I am particularly interested in the role of membership organisations in supporting grassroots mobilisation and advocacy for young children and the visibility of children as strong, competent citizens within their communities.

James Wetz

I have worked for over 30 years in education, 16 of these as a secondary school Headteacher. Now an educational consultant and researcher I am a Visiting Fellow at Bristol University Graduate School of Education, where I am working on re-thinking the design and organisation of secondary schools on a human scale informed by "attachment theory". My current research focus is the widening gap between those who are achieving in our secondary schools and those who are leaving with few if any qualifications. This research is looking at the marginalized voices of young people and families who are disengaged from the present secondary school offer. I am a fellow of the Centre for Social Policy at the Warrant House Group at Dartington, and a Fellow of the RSA. I chair the Board of Governors of a primary school in Knowle in South Bristol.

Lisa Wheeler

I am currently a Business Development Manager at Children's Links, responsible for developing new business. My skills include developing new early years and out of school childcare business for the organisation; implementation of childcare development support services; support services for children's centres; childcare sufficiency mapping and support for children with disabilities. My interests include keeping up to date with relevant sector legislation, expanding my knowledge around the play agenda and participation. I am involved with project development around prison visits and training. As part of my role I help to secure additional funding for the voluntary sector in order that they can fill service gaps.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MULTI AGENCY ORGANISATIONS

Jolanta Lasota

I am the Chief Executive of Ambitious About Autism, the national centre for autism education. I was the first Chief Executive of Turn2us, a new charity that helps people in financial need access the money they are entitled to. Previously I was the Head of the Governance Hub, the national body charged with supporting the development of third sector governance. I also worked as a Director of I CAN, the charity that helps children and young people with speech, language and communication difficulties through their special schools, mainstream support, training and information and research and campaigns. I am a trustee of the charity Contact a Family, which supports families of disabled children. I have a passion for enabling children, young people and families affected by disability to live the life they choose.

Evelyn Saunders

I am a Senior Course Director for APAC – teaching Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Practice Based Play Therapy. I am a freelance child protection trainer, with various clients, and an expert witness for child abuse cases. My interests are: all aspects of child development; development and application of attachment theory; therapeutic and care work with children who have been severely abused; management issues in running care homes; child protection legislation.

Catherine Todd

I am currently working as Training and Quality Manager for the Integrated Early Years service in Camden. My career in the early years sector covers development work, registration and inspection, operational management and project management in a variety of roles and sectors. I have also spent many enjoyable years working directly with children of all ages and their families. I am a member of NCB and the London representative for the National Quality Improvement Network, hosted by NCB, as well as an active member of the London Training Coordinators network.

UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Shirley Allen

I am a Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood Studies at Middlesex University, where I co-lead the Early Years Professional Status programme, tutor on the Early Childhood Studies and Education Studies degree programmes, and have developed a leadership programme for play workers. Formerly, I worked in teacher education at the University of Hertfordshire and taught for several years in London schools. My research interests centre on outdoor play, mentoring and children's literacy development in the early years. I contributed to Leading Practice in Early Years Settings (2008) by Mary Whalley and am currently co-authoring a book with Mary on early years practice.

Keith Cranwell

I manage a large undergraduate suite of programmes at the University of Greenwich covering Early Years, Childhood and Education Studies and Youth and Community and Foundation degrees in Learning Support and Sports Studies. My teaching and research background is based in childhood studies, play, community work and social policy. I have an extensive background

through my work in the playwork sector having held a range of roles in several voluntary organisations. I am currently chair of the Thurrock Play Network and am a Trustee on London Play. This background I believe will enable me to bring to the Membership Forum a strong academic and applied knowledge to support the work of NCB.

Jane Murray

I am a Senior Lecturer in Education at the University of Northampton where I teach and research in early childhood education and care, including teacher education. For two decades prior to this role I was an early years' teacher and I remain a primary school governor. My current research interests focus on young children's rights and participation issues and their contexts for learning. Recently, I was invited to join a seminar series considering epistemological issues in educational research as part of the Teaching and Learning Research Programme (TLRP). I have a range of publications, including chapters in Waller's *An Introduction to Early Childhood* (2009, Sage) and Bridges et al. *Evidence-Based Education Policy: What Evidence? What Basis? Whose Policy?* (2009, Wiley Blackwell). I joined NCB to support its work in addressing injustice experienced by children and I am now privileged to represent education members on the Forum in advancing NCB's work.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Alison Arnfield

For the past 14 years I have been a self employed consultant working in child health. I work with hospitals, primary care trusts and charities both in the UK and overseas to improve the services they provide for children, young people and their families. I originally trained as a children's nurse and worked as a nurse and manager in the NHS for many years and continue to have a passion for improving services with a particular interest in modernising services and developing the clinical workforce to provide the best care and support to families when their child is sick. I joined NCB as an individual member about 10 years ago to enhance my understanding of the entire children's sector and to keep up to date with all the exciting changes aimed at enhancing the lives of all children.

Alan Gurbutt

As a dyslexic I can empathise with young people who find communication a special challenge; I edit the blog *Dyslexia Lincolnshire*. I have worked with disabled young people at Community Rural Aid in Cleethorpes, with E2E students at CG Partnership in Mablethorpe and taught amateur radio to young people through the Radio Society of Great Britain. Through personal experience, I became passionate about children's rights, petitioning the past government to provide early intervention for ex-premature children at risk of special educational needs due to „hidden disabilities' that do not become apparent until middle-childhood. I have studied *Neurological Conditions in Children and Young People with Cerebra* in Wales, Health and Social Science with CG Partnership and I am working towards an MSc in Child Studies at the University of Lincoln. My main reason for becoming an individual member representative of the NCB Forum is to be amongst like-minded people who want to make a real difference to children and young people's lives.

David Lane

I have been a free-lance consultant for the last 16 years, following a career including 8 years as residential child care worker, 3 years at CCETSW, 10 years as Assistant Director and 8 years as

Director of Social Services. My current interests are: expert witness in over 60 cases, mainly involving former children in care; editor of Children Webmag, a monthly professional magazine for child care workers; international professional child care organisations such as AIEJI and FICE; the revival of the Institute of Childcare and Social Education, to act as a professional vehicle for workers interested in developing child care, eg through introducing social pedagogy and restorative practice; interest in childminding as Vice President of NCMA; founder member and Chair of Child Care History Network; also member of Residential Forum, Trustee of CCCF and long-term member of SCA. As an independent consultant I value the information which NCB circulates to members, the chance to read Children and Young People Now and the goldmine of resources in the Library. I also believe that if children, young people and their families are to be well served, there needs to be dialogue between the professions involved, not only at national level but also locally and regionally, and I would like to see the NCB's individual membership greatly expanded so that it can be an obvious choice as a place for information and the exchange of ideas.

Claudia Megele

I am dedicated to improving the life chances and enhancing the experiences of children and their families. I am an author, researcher, practitioner and part-time guest lecturer, with 12 years experience in voluntary and third sector. I have a BA in Sociology; Diploma in Psychology; MA in Social Work; and am working towards my Doctorate. Aside from my statutory appointment, I am: the Director of "A Sense of Self"; Vice Chair of Tower Hamlets Police and Community Safety Board; Trustee of MIND; and a member of the Editorial Board of Race/Ethnicity Journal by Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Ohio State University. I have presented my research and papers at numerous national and international conferences and authored/co-authored various chapters for a number of books and on subjects such as: management of intercultural communication; Impact of Social Networking and Hyper-reality on the Lived Experience of Global Migration; Social Networking in United Kingdom; Twelve Step Programs; School Crime and Violence in UK and European Union; The Language of Violence; The Closed Borders: Neo-liberal vs Neo-conservatives; and others, published by various international publishers. I am passionate about social justice and equal opportunities, and believe that in a civilized society, the welfare of children and the vulnerable is everyone's responsibility. I joined NCB as I found great affinity between NCB's goals and my personal objectives and values. Furthermore, I am passionate about research in general and social and policy research in particular, and appreciate NCB's contribution in this area. I am pleased to serve as a positive voice for NCB membership.

Rosemary Roberts

I am an early years freelance writer, consultant and trainer. I have worked in nursery, primary and higher education and the voluntary sector, and was a founding director of Peers Early Education Partnership (PEEP). My particular current interests include babies and young children's learning and wellbeing development from birth to school; and 'transition resilience'. Since completing a PhD I have been researching and writing (Wellbeing from Birth Sage 2010) – work that is relevant to the early childhood perspective of NCB's developing health and wellbeing projects. I joined NCB some years ago when I was researching early childhood and needed access to the excellent library services.

OTHER SEATS ON THE FORUM:

EARLY CHILDHOOD FORUM

Julie Jennings

I am a trained teacher who has specialised in the care and education of children with special educational needs and disabilities. My postgraduate training has been in working with children with learning difficulties, and with visual impairment. I am also a Froebel trained early childhood teacher. Having taught for many years in special and mainstream schools and early years settings, I was head of a LA visual impairment service before joining RNIB as Family Services Officer, then as National Development Officer of Early Years. I am now RNIB Manager: Children, young people and families, taking the lead in promoting services for children and young people with a visual impairment from birth to twenty five years , and their families. I chaired the Early Childhood Forum for three years and have recently been elected as Chair of the Special Educational Consortium.

Melian Mansfield

YOUNG NCB

Aneela Ahmed

Hamza Modi

“PASSPORTED” FROM PREVIOUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mike Shooter

CO-OPTED BY MEMBERSHIP FORUM

Farhat Hasnain

Ken Meeson

Up to 8 seats currently vacant

APPOINTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Elizabeth Campbell

Rita Krishna

1 seat currently vacant

APPOINTED BY NHS CONFEDERATION

Gillian Smith

NCB NORTHERN IRELAND

John Pinkerton

PLAY ENGLAND COUNCIL

Julie Hathaway

1 seat currently vacant

COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Tara Flood

1 seat currently vacant

SEX EDUCATION FORUM

Jane Lees

1 seat currently vacant

CHILDHOOD BEREAVEMENT NETWORK

Sacha Richardson

Liz Rolls

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

Peta Boucher

1 seat currently vacant

OBSERVERS

Bronwen Cohen, Children in Scotland

Catriona Williams, Children in Wales