

Integrating and partnering services in schools

19 April 2005,
9.15am – 4.00pm
Glenavon Hotel,
Cookstown,
Northern Ireland

A conference to explore the principles of full-service schools for Northern Ireland

This conference will explore the principles of full-service schools, demonstrate current practice within Northern Ireland, and compile the principles of full-service schools for Northern Ireland and how these might be implemented.

A full-service school is one in which the whole community and the children combine to form a learning partnership, which removes the barriers to learning and teaching for children. This is achieved through partnerships, collaboration, integrating services and raising social capital.

Most schools are on a continuum in the provision of services, because they are aware that not to move in this direction will be detrimental to the learning outcomes desired by the school. Most schools will not need to become full-service schools, but all schools will need to create partnerships and integrate services at some level. They may also have to change their culture – becoming amenable to new ways of doing and being.

This conference will enable participants to:

- understand the concept of full-service schools
- determine the principles of full-service schools for Northern Ireland
- help create a strategic framework for establishing full-service schools in Northern Ireland
- become involved in the process of establishing full-service schools.



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Conference programme

9.00	Registration
9.15	Welcome and introductions
9.30	Nigel Williams, Children's Commissioner for Northern Ireland – Establishing the concept
10.00	Professor Alan Dyson – Schools: an agent of opportunity
11.00	Coffee
11.30	Julian Piper, ContinYou – The Extended Schools Support Service
12.15	Lunch
1.00	Workshops
2.00	Coffee
3.00	Professor Alan Dyson – The principles of full-service schools in Northern Ireland
3.30	Conclusion

Workshops: facilitators will work with the groups on constructing the principles of full-service schools for Northern Ireland. This information will be collated by Professor Alan Dyson and will form the basis of his final delivery.

All participants will receive in advance reading materials compiled from eight focus groups exploring the eight strands of extended schools in England, within the context of Northern Ireland.

Cost of conference: **Free of charge**

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