



**Brighter futures
Building effective partnerships to end child poverty**

WORKSHOP SUMMARIES

Date: 4th November 2010
Session 1: 14.00 – 15.30

Session 2: 16.00 – 17.30

14.00 – 15.30 WORKSHOP SESSION 1

1A	<p>The Young People at Risk initiative- Local cross-sectoral partnerships in practice (UK,EN)</p> <p>Angelika Krüger, YEPP – Youth Empowerment Partnership Programme & Anna Quigley, YPAR –Young People at Risk Initiative</p> <p>Discussant: Graeme Tiffany, Federation for Detached Youth Work, UK</p>	<p>YEPP, the Youth Empowerment Partnership Programme, implements a Concept of Change which recognises young people as agents of change and promotes and advocates for youth and community empowerment in disadvantaged areas across Europe.</p> <p>The workshop presents how YEPP has been successful in creating cross-sectoral partnerships at the local level, including youth, to assess local challenges and resources. It will detail how Local Support Groups work and how different actors are brought together to support a child, young person, or family by calling a case meeting at which the participating agencies agree on a care plan for joint implementation. It will detail the Protocol used as a template for inter-agency coordination in all situations where a multi-agency response is required.</p>
1B	<p>The UK child poverty act - implementation in partnership (UK,EN)</p> <p>Melanie Duffield & Lorraine Reid, Child Poverty Unit, UK Government, UK government</p> <p>Discussant: Caroline Fahey, End child poverty coalition (Ireland)</p>	<p>The session will outline the work of the UK Government with local areas in England to cooperate on child poverty and develop local child poverty strategies as required by Part 2 of the Child Poverty Act. Effective local action on child poverty will support the UK Government in its overarching aim to eradicate child poverty by 2020, and will rely on collaboration across a number of delivery partners and public services including local authorities, employment and skills, police and probation, health, housing and transport. This session will summarise the progress to date in implementing Part 2 of the Act during 2010-11 and the lessons learned in working to support and develop local partnership arrangements.</p>
1C	<p>Service d'accueil pour les parents et leurs enfants placés hors du foyer familial - protéger et promouvoir leur contacts / Services for families with children in alternative care - protecting and promoting contact time (FR/FR)</p>	<p>The workshop will present a hostel service managed by Fondation d'Auteuil which allows families with children placed in alternative care to be temporarily reunited. During such periods, varying from certain days a week, to weekends or holiday periods, families live in apartments put at their disposal allowing them to share daily routines and re-establish family bonds. The</p>

	<p>Hélène Holleederer & Didier Hanarte, Fondation d'Auteuil</p> <p>Discussant: Geert Jorgesen, Joint Council for Child Issues (DK)</p>	<p>placement is decided beforehand, setting clear objectives and rules by common agreement with the parents, child protection and judiciary authorities and the Fondation d'Auteuil.</p>
1D	<p>Integrating migrants through early childhood care and education - from pilot to policy (BE/EN)</p> <p>Veerle Vervaeke, VBKJ – Resource Training for Early Childhood Education</p> <p>Discussant: Éva Szomor, Sure Start Expert, Programme against Child Poverty, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary</p>	<p>VBKJ, the Resource and Training Centre for Early Childhood Education will present a pilot research project to increase the accessibility in early childhood care and education for vulnerable groups of parents of young children, based on a vision of child care centres as a meeting place for child, parents, and local communities. It will detail how the project was implemented, by facilitating the access to child care provisions to newly arriving immigrants with young children, providing training to hosting child care centres staff on issues of respect for diversity, and supporting the recruitment and training of staff from ethnic minorities.</p> <p>The project has also established partnerships with organisations delivering guidance and training for newly arrived immigrants and its success led to its implementation in 60 child care provisions in Brussels.</p>
1E	<p>Innovative partnership and participation in practice: strengthening families and communities (UK, EN)</p> <p>Tove Samzelius & Annie Oliver, SPAN – Single Parent and Action Network, UK</p> <p>Discussant: Karen Kiernan, One Family, Ireland</p>	<p>SPAN will draw examples from its 20-year experience in developing innovative services in partnership with other organizations, ranging from statutory agencies to voluntary sector and grassroots organisations, leading to better outcomes for children and families. Concrete action undertaken in Bristol will be presented. The session will detail how SPAN's core values of participation are put into practice and what are the outcomes of projects developed and delivered through partnership work between statutory and voluntary organisations.</p>

WORKSHOP SESSION 2: 16.00 – 17.30

2A	<p>Enfants et familles vivant dans la pauvreté - un avenir meilleur à travers de partenariats efficaces / Children and families experiencing poverty - better futures through improved partnerships (BE/FR)</p> <p>Bernard de Vos et Christelle Trifaux, Délégué Général de la Communauté Française aux Droits de l'Enfant, Belgium</p> <p>Discussant: Jorgen Larzon & Juan Navas, City of Gothenburg</p>	<p>The session will present the findings of a study of the Children's Ombudsman of the Belgian French community on child poverty and children's rights violations. The study draws on a participatory approach where teachers, social workers, and children shared their difficulties in different areas, such as child care, support to disadvantaged families, training, leisure time, access to services, or school. The presentation will include the display of a video made during the research.</p>
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2B	<p>The Triple P Positive Parenting Programme - improving public health & reducing health inequalities (UK/EN)</p> <p>Linda de Caestecker & Stephen McLeod, NHS Greater Glasgow and Health and Glasgow City Council, UK</p> <p>Discussant: Annemie Drieskens, Gezinsbond – Courtrai, Belgium</p>	<p>The session will present a parenting programme designed and implemented by the NHS Greater Glasgow and the Glasgow City Council in partnership with health, education, social work, culture and sport services and the police. At the heart of action is the aim to improve health and address health inequalities by focusing on early years intervention, recognising that many health problems relate to poverty and disadvantage. The presentation will describe the programme which includes a universal campaign and different levels of intervention and address the organisational challenges both in implementation within large and complex organisations and with regard to the development of an evaluation of public health interventions.</p>
2C	<p>Preventing institutionalisation - promoting social inclusion of unaccompanied minors (SE/EN)</p> <p>Annelie Westling, Municipality of Varberg, Sweden; ENSA network – European Network of Social Authorities</p> <p>Discussant: Mohammed Bashir, Core Assets</p>	<p>The workshop will present the work undertaken in Varberg to protect children with social difficulties, with a particular focus on unaccompanied children and children experiencing problems at home to avoid placement in institutions. Varberg municipality social services programs development has benefited from membership of the ENSA network, which fosters practice exchange, mutual learning on policy development at EU level and cooperation on European projects.</p>
2D	<p>Servizi integrati per bambini e famiglie migranti/Integrated services for children & families of migrant background (IT/IT)</p> <p>Carmela Simbari, Daniela Cardinali, Rosangela Bozza, Il Grillo Parlante, Italy</p> <p>Discussant: Tine Rommens, Kind en Gezin, Belgium</p>	<p>The session will provide an overview of the care and education activities carried out by Grillo Parlante center, which are based on a participatory approach with families. It will detail a specific project developed for the integration of children and families with migrant background in which 50% of services availability were reserved for those families and training was provided to women to look after young children at home.</p> <p>The session will furthermore refer to a EU Daphne funded project – Evergreen EAR (Emotion & Respect) which provided excellent opportunities for mutual learning and partnerships building.</p>
2E	<p>Family supporters - building bridges to promote social inclusion (BE/EN)</p> <p>Heidi Braye & Kathy Jacobs, Kind & Gezin – Child & Family, Belgium</p> <p>Discussant: Margy Whalley, Pen Green</p>	<p>The governmental agency Kind & Gezin, responsible for child care and welfare in Flanders has developed preventive family support strategies for socially vulnerable families aiming to fight poverty and social exclusion and give all children the best possible start in life.</p> <p>The session will look at a particular project that set up family supporters, explaining their role in connecting and helping to solve misunderstandings of needs, values, proposals and recommendations amongst the different stakeholders and beneficiaries.</p>

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