The Early Years International Conference and AGM 2013 will be hosted by the Foyle and Sperrin Branches of Early Years.
# Conference Welcome 2013

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Board and staff of Early Years - the organisation for young children, I would like to welcome you to Derry/Londonderry for the 48th Annual General Meeting and Conference. We are delighted to be here during the City of Culture celebrations and believe that the theme of our conference fits well with the theme of creativity and culture that is central to the city of culture activities. We are delighted at the range of local and international speakers who will be presenting Key Note, Master Classes and Seminars. I hope you will leave the conference feeling invigorated and confident in your work with young children and with an even greater determination to build a world class early childhood sector here in Northern Ireland.

I would like to thank the Foyle and Sperrin Branches of Early Years and the Western Area staff for all their hard work over the past year in preparing for this conference. I know their hard work will pay off and we will all leave Derry/Londonderry refreshed by the warmth of the Foyle and Sperrin hospitality.

Siobhan Fitzpatrick CBE
Chief Executive Officer
Programme of Events

Thursday 6th June 2013

FIELD VISITS

8:30am to 9:00am  Registration and Refreshments  Lobby
9:00am to 12noon  CHOICE OF FIELD VISIT

Coach Departures

9:00am  Visit 1  Little Treasures Day Nursery (NI) Ltd
         Site Host: Donna McLaughlin

9:00am  Visit 2  Magilligan Community Playgroup
         Site Host: Angela Begley

9:00am  Visit 3  Straidarran Community Playgroup
         Site Host: Sharon Hill

9:45am  Visit 4  SureStart Shantallow
         Site Host: Lynne Duffy

12:30pm  Return to City Hotel Derry for main course lunch  Ground Floor Restaurant

Exhibition Viewing and tea/coffee  Corinthian Lobby

MASTER CLASSES

8:45am to 9:15am  Registration and Refreshments  Corinthian Lobby
9:15am to 9:25am  Opening Session  Corinthian 2
9:30am to 12:30pm  CHOICE OF MASTER CLASS

MC1  Being with infants and toddlers  Corinthian 2
     Toni Christie, Director, Childspace, New Zealand

MC2  Supporting young children in resolving social conflict  Amelia
     Margaret Fullerton
     Early Years - the organisation for young children

MC3  Growing leadership and management in the early years sector  Alexander
     Dr Marleen Collins
     Early Years - the organisation for young children
MC4  Educating parents developing children  
Dr Pauline McClenaghan, Lifestart Foundation

12:30pm to 1:45pm Lunch  
Exhibition Viewing and tea/coffee  
Ground Floor  
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MASTER CLASSES
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MC5  Engaging children’s minds  
Dr Lilian Katz, University of Illinois, USA  
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MC6  Block play – creating an enabling environment  
Martin and Helen Huleatt, Community Playthings  
Alexander

MC7  Implementation for practitioners – a practical resource  
Helga Sneddon and Michelle Harris, Centre for Effective Services  
McCorkell

MC8  Evaluation of the Eager and Able to Learn Pilot Programme  
Professor Carol McGuinness, Queen’s University Belfast  
Amelia

MC9  Families in Europe  
Daniel Molinuevo, Daphne Ahrendt and Eszter Sandor, Eurofound  
Berkeley

4:45pm to 5:30pm Exhibition Viewing  
Corinthian Lobby

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING [Members of Early Years only]
5:00pm to 5:30pm Registration and Refreshments  
Corinthian Lobby
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Corinthian

Presentation of Volunteer Awards
# CULTURAL WELCOME RECEPTION AND GALA DINNER

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FRIDAY 7th JUNE 2013

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   Toni Christie, Childspace, New Zealand
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12:30pm to 1:30pm  Lunch  Ground Floor
   Exhibition Viewing and tea/coffee  Corinthian Lobby
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   “The adult’s role in supporting the development of sociocompetence”
   Dr Lilian Katz, University of Illinois, USA
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4:15pm to 4:30pm  Closing Remarks, raffle and cake cutting  Corinthian
4:30pm to 5:00pm  Refreshments and Exhibition Viewing  Corinthian Lobby

SEMINAR SESSIONS

S1  Rhythm is Life
    Ronan McKee  Corinthian
S2  Documentation, Participation and Observation
    Orla Kenny and Naomi Draper, Kids’Own Publishing Partnership  Alexander
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    Roisin Dobbs and Dr Marleen Collins,
    Early Years – the organisation for young children  Writer’s
S7  Early Childhood Development: a New Zealand perspective
    Robin Christie, Childspace, New Zealand  Playtrail
    Transport from Hotel Foyer
Little Treasures Day Nursery (NI) Ltd located in Limavady was established in September 1998 and is a privately owned, purpose built facility. It caters for children ranging in age from six weeks to 11 years.
Site Host: Donna McLaughlin

Magilligan Community Playgroup is situated in a rural isolated area of outstanding natural beauty. The purpose built facility has been designed and equipped to a very high standard and provides pre-school education for children from a wide catchment area.
Site Host: Angela Begley

Straidarran Community Playgroup is located in Claudy and is a pre-school playgroup which has been providing this service to the local community for the last 33 years. It is an accredited group and has recently had a DE inspection where it acquired a ‘very good’ with elements of outstanding in pastoral care and interactions with children.
Site Host: Sharon Hill

SureStart Shantallow delivers a range of services to families with children under four years of age. They deliver six ‘Programmes for Two Year Olds’ and respite crèche to support groups in a range of settings and in partnership with community and statutory Early Years providers.
Site Host: Lynne Duffy
Master Classes

THURSDAY 6th JUNE 2013
9:30am to 12:30pm

MC1 Being with infants and toddlers: an in-depth look at respect

This master class will focus on research and practices from New Zealand early childhood settings. Toni will deliver an overview of the curriculum and policies in New Zealand early childhood services and then deliver in-depth practical strategies for a curriculum based on the utmost respect for the child. Specifically, this master class will involve discussion of primary caregiving, free movement, free play, peaceful observation, respectful relationships, rituals, and the physical teaching environment. This master class will provide strategies for quality development in early years settings with a particular focus on infants.

Toni Christie is the Director of the Childspace Early Childhood Institute in Wellington, NZ, which she co-owns with her husband, Robin Christie. She is passionate about early childhood education, environments, infants, teamwork, communication, and advocacy for children, families, and early childhood educators. Toni holds a Master of Education with merit from Victoria University in Wellington. She has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to further her research and dissemination around respectful relationships with infants and toddlers. Toni has taught in a variety of New Zealand early childhood learning centers. Along with managing 5 Childspace early childhood centers, Toni’s work involves teaching early care and education staff and parents about the importance of the early years. www.childspace.co.nz

MC2 Supporting young children in resolving social conflict

How many times have you heard a child say ‘you’re not my friend anymore’! Or ‘you’re not coming to my birthday party’! This is a child’s common response to a social conflict. Children need an adult’s support to help them learn how to recognise and deal with their own feelings and those of others in times of disagreement. This master class will explore HighScope’s six steps to conflict resolution for young children and provide you with the opportunity to try out the strategies for yourself.

Margaret Fullerton is a HighScope Endorsed Trainer working as a HighScope Consultant Staff Trainer with Early Years in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. She provides training in the HighScope curriculum and support and advice for settings that implement care, pre-school, primary schools, and family day care (childminders). She has been an Endorsed HighScope curriculum trainer since 1998 and a HighScope Consultant Trainer since 2007.
MC3  Growing leadership and management in the early years sector

This master class will outline strategies for supporting the growth of leadership and management in the early years sector. This session will be equally applicable for all those providing EYS support, SureStart managers, experienced practitioners including pre-school leaders, day care managers, nursery teachers and college lecturers.

Dr Marleen Collins recently joined Early Years as Director of Programme Implementation, Training and Evaluation. Marleen was a member of the Education and Training Inspectorate. During the last four years she managed a group of inspectors working in pre-school settings and the foundation stage. Marleen has a keen interest in the support provided for children with additional needs and their families.

MC4  Educating parents developing children

This master class will increase participants’ awareness of the role of good parenting and the home-learning environment in determining children’s life chances and will examine how that role can be most effectively supported by reflecting on child development research and the evidence based of best practice parenting interventions; in particular the evidence informing the home-based and partnership approach to parenting education and family support.

Dr Pauline McClenaghan is the Executive Director of the Lifestart Foundation, an international charity with more than 25 years experience in the delivery of quality parenting education and family support. Prior to joining the Foundation, Pauline was a professional academic researching, teaching and publishing on Adult Education and Community Studies.

1:45pm to 4:45pm

MC5  Engaging children’s minds

The early years curriculum should include ample opportunities for young children to engage in spontaneous play as well as some early and gradual introduction to simple academic skills. However, the main focus should be supporting and strengthening their intellectual abilities by involving them in in-depth investigations of phenomena in their own environments that are worth learning more about by using the project approach.

Dr Lilian Katz is Professor Emerita of Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois, USA. Dr Katz is a Past President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is Editor of the first trilingual early childhood journal, Early Childhood Research and Practice (English, Spanish and Chinese). Dr Katz has lectured in all US states and 55 other countries and received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters (DLitt) from Whittier College and a PhD from the University of Goteborg. http://ceep.crc.illinois.edu/pubs/katzsympro.html
MC6 Block play - creating an enabling environment where every child feels at home

This master class will combine hands-on practical activity with theory about how block play supports all areas of learning. We will recount some of our own experiences with children and involve participants in group work and play. Why is it that often the construction area belongs almost exclusively to the boys? What can we do to make children who don't normally gravitate to this area feel at home? What is the role of the practitioner? This is not an academic presentation - be prepared to laugh and have fun exploring this topic together.

Martin and Helen Huleatt provide training and training resources at Community Playthings. Helen trained in Nursery Education in New York in the late 1970's and Martin in Architectural Engineering at Penn State University. Since moving to England in 1999, both have been involved with the room layout service provided by Community Playthings, working with hundreds of nurseries and schools from across the UK. The role of the physical environment in shaping children’s personal, social and emotional wellbeing is their area of special interest.

MC7 Implementation for practitioners - a practical resource

This session will consist of a brief presentation outlining what is known from research on implementation across a range of sectors and a structured discussion among participants about their own learning from implementation; what works well, what are the main difficulties and what can be done to overcome these challenges. At its most simplest implementation is about ‘how’ you get evidence or ideas to work in practice. It is about operationalising a plan - getting the job done. It can refer to any innovation or practice, the delivery of a specific programme or the delivery of a policy and it involves a set of activities and stages to achieve stated outcomes.

Helga Sneddon has a background in undertaking research with children and families, particularly parenting in the early years and evaluations. In the Centre for Effective Services (CES) Helga leads on the Capturing and Learning project which showcases the learning from 16 organisations about choosing an intervention approach, implementing services and evaluating impact. This project also summarises key messages about how to influence parenting, children’s learning, behaviour, social attitudes and health. Michelle Harris works across a range of projects which have an implementation and practitioner focus such as MENCAP, Youth Justice Services and Colin Early Intervention Community. She previously worked in child and family services and has extensive experience in front-line practice in youth justice, child sexual exploitation, community development and probation and residential services. http://www.effectiveservices.org/about-ces/staff
MC8 Evaluation of the Eager and Able to Learn Pilot Programme: Amelia
findings and implications for practice

This master class will draw on the findings from the evaluation of the Eager and Able to Learn (EAL) programme which was piloted in 28 settings for 2-3 year olds across Northern Ireland. The aim was to improve young children’s eagerness and ability to learn through enhancing their physical, social, emotional and linguistic development. The programme placed particular emphasis on physical movement and the design of the physical environment, on the quality of the relationships between the practitioners and the children, and on the partnerships between settings and parents. Using the Bayley III Scales of Infant and Toddler Development, the children were assessed before and after they participated in the programme and their development was compared to a group of children who had not participated in the programme (the control group). The quality of settings (using the ECERS-R) was also assessed. The impact of the EAL programme on parents and practitioners will also be reported. The implications of the findings for early years practitioners and for early years policy will be examined.

Professor Carol McGuinness is Professor of Psychology at Queen's University Belfast. She has studied the impact of different educational interventions on the quality of children’s learning and experience, both in early years settings and in primary schools. She is the lead researcher on the Eager and Able to Learn project funded by Early Years www.psych.qub.ac.uk

MC9 Families in Europe

This master class will include three presentations about the work of Eurofound in the field of family services: (1) Work-life balance in Europe will outline findings from the 3rd EQLS on perceived work-life balance and associated stress, (2) Parenting support services in Europe will provide comparable information about parenting support and education services for families with children, (3) Vulnerable families in the economic crisis - drawing on data from the 3rd EQLS and the EU-SILC. The EQLS, portraying their quality of life during general economic slowdown, shows that these families are at higher risk of poverty and deprivation, and people living in these households are more likely to feel excluded from society. Please note this session will conclude at 3:15pm.

Daniel Molinuevo is a research officer in the Living Conditions and Quality of Life unit since June 2010. Prior to his appointment, Daniel worked in a European network of social services, where he focused on polices for children and families as well as on mental health. Daphne Ahrendt joined Eurofound in January 2013, having worked on its European Quality of Life survey since 2003. At Eurofound her current research focuses on families in vulnerable situations, assessment of childcare policies in Europe, subjective wellbeing and social capital. Eszter Sandor is a research officer in the Living Conditions and Quality of Life unit. She works primarily on the preparation and analysis of European Quality of Life Survey dataset, as well as on in-house analytical reports based on the surveys.
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Keynote Addresses

FRIDAY 7th JUNE 2013
10.00am to 10:45am

TONI CHRISTIE
“Respectful care is only fair”

This keynote presentation will focus on important recent research from New Zealand looking into respectful ways of being with infants and toddlers. Toni will share her experience and research of relationship-based programmes inspired by the practices of Dr. Emmi Pikler.

Toni Christie is the Director of the Childspace Early Childhood Institute in Wellington, NZ, which she co-owns with her husband, Robin Christie. She is passionate about early childhood education, environments, infants, teamwork, communication, and advocacy for children, families and early childhood educators. Toni holds a Master of Education with merit from Victoria University in Wellington. She has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to further her research and dissemination around respectful relationships with infants and toddlers. Toni has taught in a variety of New Zealand early childhood learning centers. Along with managing 5 Childspace early childhood centers, Toni’s work involves teaching early care and education staff and parents about the importance of the early years. www.childspace.co.nz

1:30pm to 2:45pm

DR LILIAN KATZ
“The adult’s role in supporting the development of social competence”

The evidence is now very strong that basic social competence should be acquired in the first six years or it can be very difficult to repair or improve later. Adults can use many practical strategies to strengthen social skills and to help young children acquire useful interactive competences throughout their activities in the programme.

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Seminar Sessions
FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2013

S1  Rhythm is Life  Corinthian

Rhythm is a fundamental necessity to human existence. From the initial heartbeat in the womb, to handclap, speech and nursery rhyme and the sophisticated musical arrangements of orchestral music. This seminar will demonstrate how to engage early years children in an enjoyable and meaningful musical experience which will develop their coordination, concentration and cooperation skills, giving them a great sense of personal achievement. During the seminar there will be a video presentation, the opportunity for all delegates to participate in a drumming workshop and a question and answer session.

Ronan McKee studied percussion at the University of Huddersfield and has worked in music education for the past 15 years. After spending time in Senegal, Ronan began to specialise in African drumming workshops with his company Play Percussion. Ronan works with the Ulster Orchestra developing and delivering music workshops to schools. http://www.facebook.com/PlayPercussion?ref=hl

S2  Documentation, Participation and Observation  Alexander

Artists Orla Kenny and Naomi Draper will work with delegates in a hands-on workshop to explore how documentation can be used as a tool to inform future work processes. Throughout the workshop we will identify the challenges of documentation, participation and observation. We will share approaches and investigate the purpose and value of using documentation in our everyday working environments.

Orla Kenny is a visual artist and the Creative Director of Kids’ Own Publishing Partnership. Kids’ Own is a leading arts organisation that supports and promotes the amazing capabilities of all children. Naomi Draper is a multidisciplinary artist. Alongside an established studio in sculpture and glass, Naomi works in an educational and community context. Naomi is currently working with Kids’ Own Publishing Partnership on their early years programmes. http://www.kidsown.ie/ http://www.practice.ie/home/

S3  Play Environments  Amelia

The physical environment is an important element of the child’s learning and wellbeing. The way it is organised can have a strong influence on the quality of the relationships and experiences that take place within it. Investment in creating quality spaces is the intent to offer the child and adults an experience that is rich and open. Let us look at how we can create nurturing environments for out children.

Ena Shaw has been employed by Early Years since 1994 and for the past eight years as a Senior Early Years Specialist. Ena has responsibility for developing training programmes and developing and assessing standards to promote quality development in both pre-school and full day care settings. Marie Wilson has been employed by Early Years since 1998 as an Early Years Specialist. Marie has a B.Ed (degree in Early Childhood Studies) and more recently completed the HighScope Training of Trainer.
S4 Helping children resolve their problems through therapeutic play

Play Therapy is a method of helping children with behavioural, emotional, social and mental health problems to help themselves. Play is the child’s natural medium of self-expression and communication and is essential for development. Play Therapy provides an opportunity to ‘play out’ their feelings and problems.

Sinead Doherty, Eugena Woods and Sile O’Loughlin have over 30 years combined experience in Youth and Community, Teaching and Social Work. They are qualified to postgraduate level in Non-Directive Play Therapy.

S5 My Place? Exploring the social ecology of young children’s interaction with the environment in areas of contested space

This session will illustrate the ways in which creatively engaging with young children, families, early years settings and schools in the community can address the challenges of contested spaces. Urban interfaces or contested spaces are the conjunction or intersection of two or more territories or social spaces, which are dominated, contested or claimed by some or all members of differing ethno-national groups. Case studies from the Early Years ‘Faces and Spaces’ programme will be shared which show a range of innovative strategies to explore young children’s interaction with the urban and rural spaces of their locality. The session will explore ways of creating an intergenerational, intercommunity dialogue with children, young people, parents and grandparents.

Clionagh Boyle has worked for the past five years as a Senior Early Years Specialist with Early Years – the organisation for young children where her work is currently focused on children, parents and early years educators living in interface communities in Northern Ireland. Prior to this Clionagh was Director of Derry Children’s Commission and worked in a range of education contexts in the community. Clionagh has a BA from Trinity College Dublin, and MSc and MA from University of Ulster and is currently completing a PhD at Queen’s University Belfast.

S6 Effective support and supervision

A well-planned and systematic programme of support and supervision enables the evaluation of performance and is vital to the ongoing development and continuous improvement of staff within organisations. This seminar will provide an insight into the following aspects of support and supervision: what is effective support and supervision; the importance of support and supervision in the workplace and the benefits of good support and supervision; the outcomes of poor supervision; the potential barriers to support and supervision; practical skills for carrying out an effective supervision meeting and a sample Support and Supervision Policy.

Dr Marleen Collins recently joined Early Years as Director of Programme Implementation, Training and Evaluation. Marleen was a member of the Education and Training Inspectorate. During the last four years she managed a group of inspectors working in pre-school settings and the foundation stage. Marleen has a keen interest in the support provided for children with additional needs and their families. Roisin Dobbs is HR Manager with Early Years. Roisin has worked as a generalist in the field of Human Resources for the last six years in the commercial, voluntary and public sectors in Northern Ireland.
S7  Early childhood environment design: a New Zealand perspective  Playtrail

This seminar will deliver a wide-ranging overview of early childhood playscape design. Hundreds of full colour slides will be complimented by basic theory of playscape design. Delegates will gain inspiration and ideas for culturally responsive environments, the use of natural materials and spaces, empowerment of children, practical ideas, and tools for creating change in their early childhood environments.

Robin Christie is an early childhood teacher who designs and builds learning spaces for young children, both indoors and out. Robin specialises in creating custom-built environments that are functional, culturally appropriate, and aesthetically pleasing. He is married to Toni, his partner in love, life and work, and they are in the process of living happily ever after with their two children and assorted animals on ten acres on the edge of Wellington, New Zealand.
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- Display of fresh flowers

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Back in Your Seat!

Community Playthings have once again generously donated a Child’s Rocking Chair.

This fantastic prize is available to all registered participants attending the Keynote Session by Dr Lilian Katz on Friday afternoon. To be “in it to win it” you need to be BACK IN YOUR SEAT no later than 1:30pm in the Corinthian Ballroom. The draw will take place at precisely 1:30pm and if you’re not back in your seat you are not eligible to claim the prize and it will be drawn again.

So remember….make sure you are back in your seat by 1:30pm in the Corinthian on Friday afternoon!
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<td>Newmarket Avenue Whitehorse Business Park Towbridge, Wilts BA14 0XQ Tel: 07734103177</td>
<td>Aim is to raise awareness regarding the realities of toddler diets with reference to DOH guidelines on Vitamin supplementation, particularly Vitamin D, as currently only 7% of toddlers are supplemented despite this being a recommendation.</td>
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<td>6c Wildflower Way, Belfast BT12 6TA Tel: 028 9066 2825 <a href="http://www.early-years.org">www.early-years.org</a></td>
<td>Books, educational resources and publications relevant to the conference sessions will be available for delegates to purchase at great prices. Special offers available during the conference.</td>
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<td>Units 14 Manvers Business Park High Hazels Road, Cotgrave Nottingham NG12 3GZ Tel: 0115 899 9300 <a href="http://www.finesolutions.co.uk">www.finesolutions.co.uk</a></td>
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Early Years Volunteer Awards

Early Years launched the Early Years Volunteer Awards in 2011, the European Year for Volunteering, in recognition of the commitment and valuable contribution of volunteers working to make a difference in their local communities for children, parents and staff members. Volunteering is about giving your time, energy and skills freely. Unlike many things in life, there is choice involved in volunteering. Volunteers predominantly express a sense of motivation and this is ultimately generated from their desire and enthusiasm to help.

Any volunteer working to help an Early Years member group can be nominated. It provides an opportunity to recognise volunteers for their enthusiasm, commitment, passion and expertise and how they have made a real difference to the groups they work with.

The Awards are divided into four categories:

• Outstanding management committee volunteer
• Outstanding volunteer helper
• Outstanding parent and toddler volunteer
• Moyra Campbell Award – outstanding lifetime achievement volunteer

The 2013 nominations are:

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<td>Happitots Pre-school Centre, Cullybackey</td>
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<td>Mary McKevitt</td>
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<td>Owen McLaughlin</td>
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<td>Jill Coote</td>
<td>Ballygawley Early Years, Ballygawley</td>
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<td>Judy Campbell</td>
<td>Cross Community Parent &amp; Toddler, Ballygawley</td>
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Lady Moyra Campbell will present the Awards at the Early Years AGM.

We would like to thank the nominators for taking time to make their nomination to the Volunteer Awards.
Your comments and feedback are very important to us. You will have received an evaluation form in the conference pack. When you have completed the form, please hand the evaluation to a member of staff at the conference registration desk, you will then be supplied with a password card that will enable you to download the ‘Early Years International Conference and AGM 2013’ speaker presentations. Please note that this will be subject to speaker disclosure. We always try to make all material available as soon as possible and if they are not accessible beforehand, presentations will be available on our website from Friday 14th June 2013.

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