



Europe's Children Our Concern asbl

Supporting children and young people with learning difficulties

“Together we can make a difference”

If you have news that you would like us to pass on, or if you would like us to publicize an event or mention a resource that you have found useful, please send us the details: ecoc@ecoc.be

ECOC - update

Annual General Meeting

The ECOC AGM took place on 16 June where the annual Accounts were presented. ECOC is striving to ensure not only compliance but also best practice in terms of transparent governance. To this end, the Financial Accounts will be available on our website in the Reports section http://www.ecoc.be/en/about_ecoc.php

In general terms, the Accounts are healthy, with much focus last year being on cost savings. There is awareness that fund raising is essential to ensure sustainability of the organization.

The Turtlewings Partnership

ECOC is proud to continue the partnership with Turtlewings to promote creativity in education, indeed a section of our website is now dedicated to this important partner at this link <http://www.ecoc.be/en/turtlewings.php>

ECOC Events

The workshop with Veerle Waelkens on 10 September was a big success with 32 people attending.

Veerle spoke about fluency disorder: the development of speech, language and learning skills. What causes it? When should you take action? What action should this be?

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The feedback from the participants was so positive that ECOC have invited Veerle back in November – date will be communicated soon.

News from other organizations

Eurochild is a network of organizations and individuals working in and across Europe to improve the quality of life of children and young people. Their website and "info-flash" provide excellent information about current news and events to promote the welfare and rights of children and young people.

More information at <http://www.socialplatform.org/AboutUs.asp?DocID=8163>

Dyslexia International, the Brussels-based not-for-profit organization is promoting the World Dyslexia Forum Conference which will take place at UNESCO in Paris 3-5 February 2010.

More information at www.dyslexia-international.org

Resources - Books

By no means a definitive list, but a quick look at some new titles and other resources on offer.

Jessica Kingsley Publishers (www.jkp.com) Art as an Early Intervention Tool for Children with Autism. Nicole Martin

Art Therapy with Children on the Autistic Spectrum: Beyond Words. Kathy Evans and Janek Dubowski

Let's All Listen: Songs for Group Work in Settings that Include Students with Learning Difficulties and Autism. Pat Lloyd

Fun with Messy Play: Ideas and Activities for Children with Special Needs. Tracey Beckerleg

Playing, Laughing and Learning with Children on the Autism Spectrum: A Practical Resource of Play Ideas for Parents and Carers. Julia Moor

First Steps in Intervention with Your Child with Autism: Frameworks for Communication. Phil Christie, Elizabeth Newson, Wendy Prevezer and Susie Chandler

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