

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 9 AUGUST 2016

ANGUS CHILDREN AND LEARNING FESTIVAL

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following the success of last November's Angus Learning Festival and Early Years Conference, a further event, an Angus Children and Learning Festival will take place on the 28th and 29th November 2016.
- 1.2 The Festival is open to all practitioners working with children in Angus. Some elements of the Festival will also be suitable for parents/carers and families.

2.0 PROGRESS UPDATE

- 2.1 The Festival has three main themes to support the achievement of all our children and young people:
- Getting it right Pre-Birth and in the Early Years
This includes: parenting; nurture; attachment; early intervention
 - Getting it Right for Children and Young People
This includes: engagement with school; mental health & wellbeing; substance misuse; restorative approaches; support for families; attainment and achievement.
 - Getting it Right into Adulthood
This includes: resilience; vocational pathways; growth mind-set; supporting positive destinations.
- 2.2 The Festival will share and celebrate the vast range of established and emerging good practice locally in all of these themes. Colleagues are invited to share their learning, experiences or practice with others. This could be in any of the following ways:
- Leading a **workshop** – this is a mixture of input and activity where participants listen to a topic and participate in discussion or activities related to the topic.
 - Guiding a **creative conversation** on a topic. A creative conversation is informal and solution focused. It asks attendees to actively participate and explore a theme. The group's guide prepares activities or questions to consider. The 'input' is minimal.
 - Facilitating an element of our **cinema programme**. This involves sharing an inspirational video clip and managing shared discussion of themes raised.
 - **Marketplace** sharing – providing information to colleagues throughout the course of the event e.g. with a stall, poster display.
- 2.3 There will also be a number of keynotes throughout the day. As well as input from Angus Council's Strategic Director of Children and Learning, Margo Williamson, we will also be joined by James Nottingham of 'Challenging Learning' and creator of the 'Learning Pit', Grant Ritchie, Principal of Dundee and Angus College and Felicia Wood, an expert in supporting our most vulnerable children.

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