

Chair's annual report

2006



What a good year it's been

A strong and active Executive with a conference sub-group and marketing sub-group

Co-options:

Avril Brock; Branwen Llewelyn-Jones;
Jane Payler; Kathy Ring; Bryonie
Williams;



www.tactyc.org.uk

The website averaging 4000 hits per month;

The reflections web site has a wide number of articles for downloading and the debates are becoming vigorous

Janet needs your reflections and your debate
– let's keep the early years high profile



The journal

- Now in three issues a year
- Book reviews, email David Whitebread on dgw1004@hermes.cam.ac.uk 500-700 words and you get to keep the book
- Our deepest appreciation to Geva
- Welcome to our new editor Pamela Oberhuemer of the Munich State Early Years Institute



Apprentice editor

- We're looking for one or two apprentice editors and have had expressions of interest
- Are you published; have you refereed?
- Look out for our invitation to join the team, gain new skills and make a contribution



DECET

- Diversity in early childhood education and training; Pat attended Barcelona conference with funding from British Council
- Reported in newsletter
- Two forthcoming conferences on play and culture/identity and play and diversity (2 day next November)



Regional conferences

- Last May with MMU and Esmee Fairbairn on Birth to Three and Beyond – a super start
- Next May (possibly 19th) with Leeds Met and the Centre for Research into Childhood on ‘play and culture and identity’.



Consultation responses

- EYFS – more diversity, more play, a less narrow interpretation of development and learning
- EYPs – welcome an expanding workforce but their roles and responsibilities need clarification; will salaries reflect their status; what does QTS equivalent mean?
- Teachers in Children's Centres
- Pat gave evidence to the All Parliamentary Select Committee on children – it's education that makes a real difference



Links with UCET

- Currently working with a colleague on a discussion paper 'ECM and the implications for teacher education' – hope to make it available on TACTYC website
- Huge changes in ITE courses afoot with an inter-disciplinary and multi-professional agenda



The JJ award

- This has been a very welcome contribution to our portfolio of celebration but there are plans for a change of direction which Janet will tell you about.



Early Childhood Forum

- We continue our links and participation in meetings and developments
- Sending out their newsletter by email to those for whom we have email addresses
- Leave yours on TACTYC table if we don't have it but make sure it's fully legible.

