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#### Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery: Early Years programme

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to enclose information with details of events and training for under 5s and the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Early years groups are welcome to visit us at any time and the museum is family friendly with lots of opportunities to play and explore.

In addition we have a lively programme of themed workshops designed to support the EYFS that can be booked by groups in advance.

We also run professional development training for early years practitioners. This is an opportunity to be inspired by our collections and reflect on the learning that can be developed through engaging with museums.

If you would like to book a castle event for an under 5s group please ring our bookings line on 01603 493636.

If you would like to book a place on the training day in March 2012 please contact Norfolk County Council at <a href="https://www.norfolkchildcarejobs.com/training-application">www.norfolkchildcarejobs.com/training-application</a>

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#### EARLY YEARS AT NORWICH CASTLE

## Let's play and learn together!

Come and join us at Norwich Castle for fun packed Early Years' sessions. Children will be introduced to the pictures and objects within the museum through lively, creative and imaginative activities, including; games, rhymes, storytelling, role play, art and craft activities.

The sessions are suitable for all pre-school groups and playgroups and are designed to support The Early Years Foundation Stage themes.

Your visit will consist of a one and a half hour workshop led by a museum educator. Drinks and biscuits are provided for the children during a break. You can choose from one of our different themes:

Rag's Gallery Adventure

Teapots

Going on a Bear Huntl

Castles

Treasure

Workshops are suitable for 3-5 year olds and run from 10.15 - 11.45 a.m. (These times are flexible and can be changed to suit). Dates available on request.

There is no admission charge to the Castle. The cost of a workshop is £2.50 per child (accompanying adults are free).

If you would like to book your group into a session then please call the Castle booking line on (01603) 493636. Please state your choice of theme.



66 The activities are always well planned and well matched to the age group??



### Early Years and Childcare Training January – March 2012



# Making the Most of Your Museum

#### **Course Information:**

This day offers practitioners a look at how the collections of Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service can be used to provide active learning experiences that support the EYFS.

#### It aims to:

- Show how museums can meet all four principles of the EYFS by catering for, and motivating, unique children; providing and contributing to enabling environments; helping to build positive relationships and offering new ways for children to progress in key areas of learning and development.
- Raise awareness of the potential of museums, collections and objects for the development of children's communication and thinking skills.
- Offer first hand experiences and activities to assist you in planning a visit using the galleries of the Castle Museum.
- Provide an opportunity to find out what the museum service has to offer early years groups in terms of workshops and handling collections.

#### **Important Information:**

There is no parking on the Castle mound. On arrival, the main entrance to the Castle will be closed; course members will need to enter via the staff entrance to the right of the Castle.

#### Courses:

Code Venue Date Time

B123 Norwich, Castle Museum Weds 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 9.30am-3pm

#### How to apply:

Please apply online at <a href="https://www.norfolkchildcarejobs.com/training-application">www.norfolkchildcarejobs.com/training-application</a>

#### **Target Group:**

All early years practitioners

#### Training Provider:

Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service

#### Cost per place:

Maintained, Independent £20 & Academy settings

Private, Voluntary & Childminding settings £10

(Actual cost per place £75)