



Anti-Bullying Alliance Eastern Regional Conference



EFFECTIVE PEER SUPPORT

Tuesday 28th June 2005 09.15 – 15.30
(Registration from 08.30)

Newmarket Racecourse

This conference will ensure that teachers (from Years 4 upwards) and other interested professionals will learn about Peer Support systems. "Peer support describes a range of activities and systems within which people's potential to be helpful to one another can be fostered through appropriate training. It has grown in popularity and is now a widely used intervention in primary and secondary schools in the UK" (Helen Cowie) The conference will examine the research on Peer Support and deal with the practicalities of setting up Peer Support schemes in schools and sustaining them.

Rita Adair, Anti-Bullying Alliance Eastern Regional Co-ordinator supports the development of Peer Support as one approach to tackling bullying. Already in the eastern area there are several examples of schemes which have attained national excellence. Examples of these include a Norfolk school's approach (Flegg High), which will be shared with delegates and will include the perspectives of those who are Peer Supporters.

Keynote speakers include **Helen Cowie**, Director, UK Observatory for the Promotion of Non-Violence, University of Surrey and **Lindsay Gilbert**, Head of ChildLine in Partnership with Schools (CHIPS). Helen will review the history of peer support and the main methods employed. She will discuss the impact that peer support interventions have had in addressing the problem of school bullying and violence in the UK. Finally she will draw conclusions that relate to the wider context of the developing role of peer support in schools today. Lindsay will describe the CHIPS model and inform delegates of the recent findings from a recent evaluation of peer support in 19 schools that participated in the CHIPS initiative. She will share ideas of how schools can develop effective peer support models. Workshops will include examples of schools at primary and secondary level delivering peer support models and advice on how to get started or sustain an existing scheme.

To reserve your place at a cost of £115 per person please complete the form below.

Name: Title: School/Service/LA:

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Payment can be made by cheque (payable to Norfolk County Council) or by Invoice/Journal transfer by 24th June.

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