

Headteachers, Advisers and Consultants - Primary and Early Years Settings

**THIS CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED FOR EDUCATORS TO THINK.
TO THINK ABOUT WHAT PRECISELY?
ABOUT CHILDREN AS LEARNERS AND ABOUT WHAT LEARNERS DO.**

Conference about learning at Snape Maltings, organised by Rich Learning Opportunities and the What Matters to Children team with BBC's Gareth Malone and other respected education consultants.

On **Friday May 2** Gareth Malone (from BBC2's 'The Choir') and Mary Jane Drummond (author, researcher, consultant, recently retired from the University of Cambridge) will be presenting **Belonging to a Harmonious Community of Learners** at Snape Maltings.

This is part of the three day conference from April 30, **Learning: what matters to children** with guest speakers Mary Jane Drummond, Gareth Malone, Diane Rich, Mick Waters (QCA) , and workshops led by the **What Matters to Children** team of respected education consultants.

You are invited to book places on:

The three day conference. (This includes **Belonging to a Harmonious Community of Learners**).

The half day on Friday May 2, **Belonging to a Harmonious Community of Learners**.

Prices, conference details, with booking form are attached and can also be found on the Rich Learning Opportunities website.

I hope that you will take up this unique opportunity to attend, or send staff to **Learning: what matters to children** or **Belonging to a Harmonious Community of Learners** in the beautiful setting of Snape Maltings.

Please see below for further details and booking form.

The What Matters to Children team presents

‘Learning: what matters to children’

A conference about what learners do

based on the approach introduced in the successful publication

First hand experience: what matters to children
and the new publication **Learning:** what matters to children

(lunchtime) **30 April-2 May 2008** (lunchtime)

Snape Maltings, Suffolk

Conference speakers include

Mary Jane Drummond

Writer, teacher and researcher

Recently retired from the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge

Mick Waters

Director of Curriculum, QCA

Diane Rich

Director of Rich Learning Opportunities

Co-ordinator of the What Matters to Children team

Gareth Malone

As featured in BBC2's 'The Choir'

*Formerly Edward Heath Assistant Animateur to the
London Symphony Orchestra's Discovery programme*

Andrea Sully

Learning, Research and Development Adviser, North Somerset

With practical and reflective workshops focussing on

Children making meaning • Educators understanding learning • Exploring the environment

Led by members of the What Matters to Children team

Denise Casanova • Jacqui Cousins • Mary Jane Drummond • Jennie Lindon

Cathy Myer • Marjorie Ouvry • Sue Pearson • Diane Rich • Jane Turner

The conference includes a drinks reception book launch for

Learning: what matters to children

by Diane Rich • Denise Casanova • Mary Jane Drummond • Andrea Durrant • Cathy Myer

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What conference delegates will do and the big ideas they will meet

In a treasure chest of an environment delegates will examine some of the principles that are the basis of effective learning and teaching:

- children as powerful learners who learn from each other and learn together
- children as active learners: people who think and feel for themselves and who use their hands, eyes, ears and their whole bodies to explore the world and everything and everyone in it
- intellectual engagement and emotional involvement: what matters to children
- adult involvement in learning: what educators can do to provide, organise and value what learners do
- educators as powerful learners who learn from each other and learn together
- educators who think for themselves, making choices that will ensure worthwhile learning, learning that matters to children
- children and educators working together to build a harmonious learning community.

Who should come?

Those who work directly with children from three up to eleven years of age and who are committed to developing the approach offered at the conference through their work with educators, parents and children.

Heads of schools and settings, Managers, Co-ordinators, Lead Practitioners, all educators.

AND...

All those who support educators working with children aged from three up to eleven years of age.

Heads of Children's Services, Primary National Strategy Managers,

Heads of Early Years, Senior Advisors, Advisory Staff and Training Managers

BUT...

Don't come alone. Bring key people with you who will develop the approach offered at the conference through their work with educators, parents and children.

Conference costs

£295 (including £20 non-VAT materials + VAT £48.13)

including a copy of First hand experience: **what matters to children** and a discount voucher to purchase Learning: **what matters to children** at the book launch.

Costs include:

Speaker and workshop fees • all delegate materials • a copy of the latest version of First hand experience: **what matters to children** • drinks reception book launch for Learning: **what matters to children** • a discount voucher to purchase the new publication at the book launch • an invitation to a May Day dawn chorus on the lawns of Snape Maltings • a chance to work with the **What Matters to Children** team • tea/coffee/refreshment facilities throughout • lunch on arrival and on day two • access to the Snape Maltings site • exclusive use of the Oyster Bar overlooking the magnificent and relaxing Snape reed beds for the opening hours of the conference • car parking

GET IN TOUCH NOW TO REGISTER CONFERENCE INTEREST AND RESERVE PLACES

Book online at www.richlearningopportunities.co.uk or contact:

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44 (0)1473 737405 • fax 44 (0)1473 737613 • email: snape@richlearningopportunities.co.uk

Programme times

Day 1

12.15 Arrive/register/lunch

1.45 Conference start

Sessions run through to

6.15 -8.00 Drinks reception and book launch

For evening meals: there are three restaurants/public houses in Snape

- The Plough and Sail on the Snape Maltings site. 01728 688413

- The Crown Inn- within walking distance (0.4 miles) or drive. 01728 688324

- The Golden Key- within walking distance (0.4 miles) or drive. 01728 688510

Towns nearby have restaurants and hotels. See below for suggestions. Booking is advisable.

Day 2

Optional dawn chorus with breakfast

8.45 Arrival/coffee/registration

9.10 Presentations/workshops start

Sessions run through to

6.30 Reflection and depart

For evening meals as above

Day 3

8.45 Arrival/coffee/registration

9.10 Welcome/Introduction

Sessions run through to

12.30 Depart

Lunch (£15.00) or a packed lunch for the journey home (£5.00) can be ordered in advance if required on departure.

Where to stay

This is a non-residential conference over three days.

Hotels/guest houses/B+B's can be found in the local area at a variety of prices.

It is recommended that accommodation is booked as early as possible.

For special conference rates for two nights from Wednesday 30th April at

The Brudenell Hotel, Aldeburgh, The White Lion Hotel, Aldeburgh, The Thorpeness Hotel, Golf and Country Club, Thorpeness.

Contact Jenny Hill, Group Hotel Administrator at

The Brudenell Hotel, The Parade, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, IP15 5BU, 01728 452071, info@brudenellhotel.co.uk.

Inform the receptionist that you are attending the 'What Matters to Children' conference to ensure special conference rates. Visit www.aldeburgh-breaks.co.uk to view all three coastal hotels.

Other accommodation

There are many surrounding small villages with guest houses and B+B facilities (eg. Blaxhall, Friston, Iken, Sudbourne, Tunstall...)

Nearest 'easy access' towns are

Snape (guest houses and B+B's) Saxmundham 2.3 miles (nearest train station, hotel, guest houses and B+B's)

Aldeburgh 6 miles (the sea, restaurants, hotels, guest houses and B+B's) Orford 7.3 miles (hotels, restaurants, guest

houses and B+B's –and a castle) Thorpeness 6.4 miles (the sea, hotel, guest houses and B+B's) Wickham Market 8.8

miles (NB. train station is at Campsea Ashe, restaurants x 2, guest houses and B+B's) Woodbridge 14 miles (train station, restaurants, hotels, guest houses and B+B's)

Contact Tourist Information www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/tourism Aldeburgh 01728 453637 Woodbridge 01394 382240

Transport Links

Car: From London and the south. From the M25 exit at jct. 28 onto the A12 heading towards Ipswich. Stay on the A12 following sign posts for Lowestoft. Exit the A12 at A1094 sign posted Aldeburgh. After approximately 4 miles turn right at the sign post for Snape.

From the north: From A14 follow to Ipswich and pick up A12 (north) then directions as above

OR from A14 exit at jct. 51 to A140, then B1078 follow through Coddensham, Wickham Market and pick up A12 (this cuts out north Ipswich) then directions as above.

Airports: Norwich (47 miles) Stansted (72 miles) Cambridge (79 miles)

Train: Nearest station is Saxmundham. 'One' railway operates from Liverpool Street.

Some trains go direct from Liverpool Street. Others involve a change at Colchester or Ipswich. For further information contact national rail enquiries on 08457 484 950 or www.onerailway.com

Taxi: Taxis from Saxmundham can be booked on 01728 602344/833621/633003. Expect a 10 minute journey to Snape. Taxis from Ipswich are available.

Where is Snape Maltings?

In the centre of an area of natural outstanding beauty along the river Alde in Suffolk, near Aldeburgh, delegates can appreciate the tranquillity of the swaying golden reeds and the wading birds. The conference is set in one of the most beautiful and distinctive parts of the English countryside and is one of the most important community arts venues in the east, as well as an internationally famous concert hall.



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Learning: what matters to children

COMPLETE FOR BOOKING (print page and post/fax back or book online)

I would like to book _____ places at £295 per person + (including £20 non-VAT materials +£48.13 VAT)

Name _____ Position _____

Organisation _____ Local Authority _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email (please write clearly) _____

Phone/s _____ Fax _____

Payment details

I enclose a cheque for the place/s booked made payable to **RICH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES** yes/no

Please invoice me at the address above yes/no Please invoice me at the address below yes/no

NB. There is an admin fee of £2.98 (+0.52 vat) for each invoice issued

Order no if applicable _____

Name _____ Position _____

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8.50-12.30

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Supported by members of the What Matters to Children team

Underpinned by the principles of the
full three-day conference

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Wednesday 30 April - Friday 2 May

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Costs for Day 3 only

£35 (+ VAT £6.13) if member of staff/link delegate is attending the full three day conference

£50 (+ VAT £8.75) if attending independently

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I would like to book _____ additional places for Day 3 only 'Belonging to a harmonious community of learners' at **£35** per person + (£6.13 VAT). My link conference delegate is _____.

I would like to book _____ places for Day 3 only 'Belonging to a harmonious community of learners' at **£50** per person + (£8.75 VAT)

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Phone/s

Fax

Payment details

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Please invoice me at the address above yes/no

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