

**Continuing Professional Development (CPD), for  
Teachers and Educators of Primary and Secondary school children, on  
Philosophy with Children  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015  
King's College Campus**

## Background

The University of Aberdeen will host a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) event for primary and secondary educators on Philosophy with Children.

The course provides professional development in facilitating group discussion on philosophical topics (Philosophical Inquiry) as a method for developing pupil skills at the core of the Curriculum for Excellence. These include applying critical thinking in new contexts, thinking creatively to solve problems, understanding different beliefs and learning to participate responsibly in a community of inquiry.

Research indicates that pupils engaged in collaborative group discussion on philosophical questions benefit from:

- Increased self-confidence
- Better numeracy and literacy skills
- Greater ability to think creatively and critically about complex matters
- Greater ability to understand, recognize and respect alternative reasonable viewpoints.
- Improved social behaviour, participation and concentration.

*Philosophy for Children is a pedagogy that, when used creatively and in collaboration with children, develops their ability to make connections and think critically, to solve problems and learn in a creative and constructive way, and gives them ownership of their learning. It also allows teachers to see children as real learners and helps them facilitate rather than drive learning.*

*Jane Craik, Head Teacher, Tullynessle Primary School, Aberdeenshire*

## Comments from Participants

- 'I really enjoyed it and can't wait to have a go.'
- 'Outstanding in service training day. Good opportunity to meet with other teachers and discuss how they're using philosophy in school.'
- 'Really enjoyed this CPD – rare that I feel I get much from courses that I don't already know, but now I feel excited about the prospect of finding out more and working with my class. Thank you!'

## Course Aims

This CPD event will cover all the essential aspects of Philosophy with Children including:

- Understanding Philosophy with Children, its aims and benefits
- How to run a Philosophy Inquiry with children
- How Philosophy with Children integrates with the Scottish Curriculum

## Programme

09.00 – 09.30	Registration and coffee
09.30 – 10.15	<b>Inquiry 1</b>
10.15 – 10.30	<b>Review of Inquiry 1</b>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>What Is Philosophy with Children?</b>
11.00 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 12.30	<b>How to Run a PwC session</b>
12.30 – 13.15	Lunch
13.15 – 14.00	<b>Inquiry 2</b>
14.00 – 14.15	<b>Review of Inquiry 2</b>
14.15 – 15.00	<b>Philosophy and Curriculum for Excellence; Troubleshooting</b>
15.00	Close

## Would you like more information?

If you would like further information, please contact CPD Services, Research and Innovation, University of Aberdeen, Room 36 University Office, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX. Tel: 01224 272523. Fax: 01224 272319. Email: [cpdservices@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:cpdservices@abdn.ac.uk).

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Teachers and Educators of Primary and Secondary school children, on Philosophy for Children (PwC) Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

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Any special needs – e.g. dietary? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Fee Rate**

The course will cost £115 per person per day, this includes all refreshments, a sandwich lunch and course notes.

#### **Payment Details**

Please invoice my organisation.

The purchase order number is: \_\_\_\_\_

VAT no. \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Please complete and send the registration form***

**Email:** [cpdservices@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:cpdservices@abdn.ac.uk)

**Or fax** 01224 272319

**Or post:** CPD Services, Research and Innovation, Room 36 University Office,  
University of Aberdeen, King's College,  
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**Joining Instructions** (including a map of the University campus) will be emailed out approximately 2 weeks prior to the event to the registered email address given above.

**Campus Parking** – please note that parking on-campus is on a first come first serve basis in designated areas only displaying a valid parking permit. Alternative means of transport is preferred however if you are to take your car, please contact us in advance for a parking permit and further details.

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#### **Cancellation**

In the event of a cancellation a refund of the registration fee less an administrative charge will be made, provided that notice is received in writing no less than 30 days before the event. It is regretted that cancellations received after this time will be liable for the full delegate fee. Substitute delegates may be made at any time at no extra charge. If the University cancels the event, you will receive a full refund.

#### **Data Protection Statement**

Information provided is confidential and is held under the Data Protection Act 1998; it will be used for course administration purposes. The University may send you details of similar courses which we feel may be of interest to you or your colleagues, if you do not want to receive any additional information please sign here: