

AGENDA ITEM No.(36)....

CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee: Social Work

Subject: Mediation & Advocacy Services for Vulnerable
Children and Young People

Conference Organiser: Children In Scotland

Venue: Edinburgh

Conference Fee: £75 Member
£95 Non Member

Date: 30 April 1997

Recommendation: Not suitable for members to attend

BOOKING FORM

To book a place, please complete and return the form below to: Fiona Wager,
Children in Scotland, Princes House, 5 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RG
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*Cancellations received by 9th April 1997 will be refunded less a processing charge.
No refunds can be made after this date, but substitutions may be made.*

MEDIATION & ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Wednesday, 30th April 1997 - Postgraduate Lister Institute, Edinburgh

Please reserveplace(s)(please tick as appropriate):

	Member	Non member
Small Voluntary Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> £60	<input type="checkbox"/> £80
Local authority, Statutory & Large Voluntary Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> £75	<input type="checkbox"/> £95

Name..... Position

Organisation

Address.....

Postcode.....Tel No.

- I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Children in Scotland
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Price includes lunch and refreshments. Please contact Fiona Wager at Children in Scotland if you have any special requirements, ie. disabled access, diet, etc. A limited number of bursary places are available - please apply in writing to the Practice Development Section.

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Major Seminar

WEDNESDAY, 30th April 1997

**Postgraduate Lister Institute, 11 Hill Square
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This major one day seminar will be exploring some of the issues around establishing mediation and advocacy services for vulnerable children and young people, including the concept of mediation and advocacy in relation to the 'family', and in respect of systems and agencies.

The arguments for and against developing access to mediation and advocacy services will be considered in relation to the needs of particular vulnerable groups of children and young people including:

- homeless young people and runaways
- survivors of abuse
- children and young people in care
- children from separated, adoptive and stepfamilies.

Issues in relation to children and young people with disabilities, children and young people from ethnic minorities will be considered, in addition to child protection, legal and ethical issues.

Messages from research and existing practice will be discussed, to consider the future development of mediation and advocacy services for children and young people in Scotland.

The seminar is intended for experienced practitioners and managers from social work, education, psychological services, health, police, prisons, children's panels and the voluntary sector who are working with vulnerable children and young people.

The seminar will be chaired by **Professor Lorraine Waterhouse**,
Department of Social Work, University of Edinburgh.

Keynote address: Richard Best, guardian ad litem,
mediator and mediation trainer

Contributors to the seminar include:

Jim Boyle, Assistant Director, the Bridges One Door Project

Anne Houston, Director, Childline Scotland

Meg Lindsay, Director,

Centre for Residential Child Care

Maureen Lynch, Education Liaison Officer,

Family Mediation Scotland

Linda Paterson, Director, Birthlink, Family Care

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