



Fri-Sunday 10-12 Sept 2010

the everydayness of play

BoP '10

We've explored the beauty and wildness of play, we've played with creativity and feeling – now we look at the 'Everydayness of Play'.

Play is present in all aspects of life; it can emerge for microseconds or last for days. Play is there 'everyday'. Play can be commonplace, it can be ordinary; can it be mundane? Come and explore this with us.

'Beauty of Play' (BoP) takes place every September, perfect to help you reflect on your practice after a busy summer. Many delegates go back to work recharged and reenergised.

"An amazing weekend at Beauty of Play... our first experience and we have taken away a lot of excellent playful ideas."

"It was an extraordinarily lovely event...invaluable to reconnect to ideas and people."

We have arranged to return to our special play location in Staffordshire for the weekend of 10-12 September 2010. The original 'conference under canvas' will be a playful mix of workshops and outdoor activities.

Starting Friday night and running through to 2pm Sunday, there will be playful activities, discussions, workshops, music, fire and

storytelling. The theme of everydayness will be explored through practical, theoretical, inclusive and challenging sessions that will help you with your work with playing children.

Our popular format will be followed, with people offering playful activities in and outside, through woods and in streams. Delegates are free to self-select the workshops of their choosing, some will be indoors, and most will take advantage of our beautiful setting in Staffordshire.

BoP attracts a broad range of speakers, some first timers, many published authors and playwork theorists. This year there will be Perry Else, Julia Sexton, Stuart Lester, John Fitzpatrick, Bridget Handscomb, Susie Dadd, Tanya Harrison, Tony Delahoy, Liam Delahoy, Jacky Kilvington, Heather Knight, Lily Horseman, Maggie Fearn, Sian Cornelius, Mark Sainsbury, Arthur Battram, Matt Laurie, and The Team from Meynell Games.

Come and join us!

Perry Else – Ludemos "a playful community"
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Details The cost of the weekend is £135 per person for Friday eve to Sunday afternoon. The fee includes access to drinks and snacks in the communal kitchen, meal morning, lunch and evening and one copy of the conference notes.

You would need to arrange your own transport and accommodation, most people choose to sleep under canvas on site; we also have a curfew at 11pm. The site is basic, please come prepared to 'muck in' and share with others. If you would like to plan your journey times, the venue is one mile north of Stone, Staffordshire; the nearest train station is Stoke (5 miles away). Other details will be sent with confirmation of your booking.

"Beauty never lets us down. There's always a good mix of old and new, practical and theory"

"Excellent time... Gets better every year"

People have asked about bringing children or dogs; children are welcome but must be their parent's responsibility as there will be animals close by, running water and fires. This is a conference about work with children, not for children – there will be no child-care arrangements provided. We have to say no to dogs as there will be other animals close by.

The site is discreet and we would be staying alongside other guests, so this is a 'prior booking only' event. Spaces are limited to sixty and this is strictly first come, first served.

Booking Form – The Beauty of Play: 10-12 Sept 2010

Yes please, I'd like to join you!

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| Name: | | |
| Email address: | | |
| Address: | | |
| Contact details: | Tel | |
| | Email | |
| Additional delegate names: | | |
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| No of delegates: | | |
| | x £110 if payment is received by 12 June (£135 if later) | = |
| | x £10 children 8-15 (under eights free) | = |
| | | Total = |

Payment BACS Ref: 40-47-73 40554197 or by cheque to be paid to 'PC Else'

The Small Print Bookings are accepted up to 1 August 2010, subject to availability. Bookings will only be confirmed after payment is received. A full delegate pack will be sent in August to confirmed delegates. Once paid and confirmed we cannot refund cancellations; however you may transfer your booking to another delegate.

For further details, please contact:

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