



Welcome to the latest edition of the Face 2 Face Network newsletter!

We would love to know what you think of the newsletter – email us with your comments.

We will continue to produce the newsletter quarterly and would welcome information about network events, websites and news for inclusion, please email [face2facenetwork@scope.org.uk](mailto:face2facenetwork@scope.org.uk) with any information you would like to share.



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## Goodbyes

Sadly, the Face 2 Face Network has had to say goodbye to **Vicki Hill** who left at the end of August to take on the role of Early Intervention Teacher at The Child Development Centre, Rotherham Hospital.

**Pamela Molloy**, who was Face 2 Face Network Liaison Officer based in Manchester, has also left the Network but remains in Scope as part of the Employment team based in Manchester.

## Training the Trainers

The Face 2 Face Network held a Training the Trainers course on 5 - 6 July to introduce new and potential trainers to the F2F Foundation Training Course and Training Resource Pack.

The Network would like to extend its thanks to Francine Swaby and Ros Bentley, two experienced Face 2 Face trainers, who facilitated the Training the Trainers course. Feedback from delegates was very positive:

*"The best part of the course was sharing experiences through skills work, group work, highlighting needs of parents and families with disability and exploring in depth what impact this has and how valuable befriending can be."*

*"Well-delivered, appropriate and specific to the role of befriending."*

For more information on The Foundation Training please visit our website at [www.face2facenetwork.org.uk](http://www.face2facenetwork.org.uk)

## Face 2 Face website

For further information on Face 2 Face including more news please visit our website [www.face2facenetwork.org.uk](http://www.face2facenetwork.org.uk)

Our website includes a general introduction to Face 2 Face, provides information on the befriending process, details how to become a befriender, provides network funding information, questions and answers, news, contact details for local schemes and details on our online and telephone befriending service.



### Scheme News

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## Exeter, Mid and East Devon

*"Thanks so much for the help you've given the family; it's really, really helped them."*

A quote from one Exeter health visitor recently

Earlier in the year, the Exeter, Mid and East Devon scheme was launched. It has a group of volunteers with a huge range of life experience and of parenting children with different disabilities. Eight families are now receiving the service and the group welcome future referrals.

With another training course planned to start in January 2008, it's been good to get a resounding seal of approval from the Befriending and Mentoring Foundation, when it audited the service as part of awarding "Approved Provider Status" to Face 2 Face nationally.

Co-ordinator Trish Oliver says, "Lots of tips and encouragement from Tamsin Coade (Cornwall) and patient responses to my many questions from Jo and Juliet have made this service a real team effort."

Trish can be contacted at [patriciajoliver@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciajoliver@hotmail.com) and on telephone numbers 01392 219952, 01392 360645 or 07799403435.

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## Gloucestershire – New Scheme!

For the last 18 months a group of people has been working together to make the idea of a Face 2 Face scheme in the Gloucestershire area a reality. Through funding from The Barnwood Trust, The Lighthouse Children's Centre is working in partnership with the Face 2 Face Network to establish and sustain this much-needed service.

Louise Farmer has been appointed as Face 2 Face scheme co-ordinator to oversee the local service. Louise is also the volunteer co-ordinator at The Lighthouse Children's Centre.

The scheme has recently recruited parent volunteers to train as befrienders. Eight potential volunteers commence training on 14 September, conducted by Francine Swaby.

For further information on this Face 2 Face scheme please contact Louise Farmer on 01452 872290 or 0782 5212397. Alternatively email [louise.farmer@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:louise.farmer@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

## Recruiting in Oxford

Face 2 Face is setting up a new scheme in the Oxfordshire area and there has already been a good level of interest from both professionals and parents.

Potential volunteers will be interviewed during September and October and we are hoping to commence the first training course early in the New Year.

If you live in this area and are interested in becoming a befriender or simply for further information please contact Juliet Blackburn by telephone on 01454 618756 or via email at [Juliet.blackburn@scope.org.uk](mailto:Juliet.blackburn@scope.org.uk)

## Cornwall Face 2 Face Family Fun Day

Saturday, 1 September saw the annual summer family fun day for the Cornwall befrienders. This year's venue was the Screech Owl Sanctuary, a rescue and education conservation facility. It was a great opportunity for many of the existing befrienders to meet newly trained volunteers and for us to thank them all for their continued hard work and support of the service.

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The sanctuary provided an excellent day of entertainment including keeper walks, owl encounters and flying displays. Other activities included face painting, making owl masks and colouring.

As well as all the planned activities there was lots of time and space for the children to play in the adventure play area. A number of parents commented on how good it was not to have to worry about their children's behaviour and constant questioning of people. The day also offered siblings the chance to meet each other and have some valued free playtime.

The family quiz was a great success despite the fact that the answer sheet was handed to one family by mistake. Not that it made a great deal of difference - as you can see in the photos staff were very helpful with the answers!



The day was attended by over 90 parents and children. Families gave great feedback about the day and how lovely it was to meet each other's children and families after hearing so much about them during training and support meetings.



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## News in General

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### In The Picture

#### New inclusive resource for children

In The Picture, Scope's ground-breaking project that aims to promote the inclusion of disabled children in early years picture books, is pleased to be able to offer a great new poster for all early years settings, from nurseries and playgroups to libraries and book corners!

The poster is A2 size [600x420mm] and was conceived and illustrated by Richard Johnson as part of a joint initiative between In The Picture and the Association of Illustrators. It shows groups of disabled and non-disabled children in a fantasy storybook setting.

The poster is another innovative attempt by the project to reduce the isolation that the UK's 770,000 disabled children experience and to allow them to find themselves represented in a more inclusive world.

Copies of the poster cost £5 each [including postage and packing] and can be ordered from In The Picture by emailing [inthepicture@scope.org.uk](mailto:inthepicture@scope.org.uk)

You can see the poster and read more about it at: [http://www.childreninthepicture.org.uk/poster\\_1.htm](http://www.childreninthepicture.org.uk/poster_1.htm)



## Information, Websites, Books and Resources

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'**Progress**' is a free transition guide for 13 – 25 year-olds and is published three times a year. For more information please visit <http://www.progressmagazine.co.uk>

**Contact a Family** and The Family Fund have completed a survey on the experience of transition. A full copy of the research can be seen at <http://www.familyfund.org.uk>

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**That's not fair! - Explaining autism to very young children  
Carol Peters (illustrations by Martha Hardy)**

It can seem very unfair to young children when the new child in the nursery school is allowed to do things which they get into trouble for. This warm and child-friendly book introduces and explains autism in terms that very young children will understand.

Published by Leicester City Council Early Years Team, 2007, 24pp, A4, paperback, illustrated in full colour

(Code NAS 723) ISBN 9781905722334

£6.50 plus p&p

[www.autism.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=799&a=13821](http://www.autism.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=799&a=13821)

If you have to pay for prescriptions and have two or more a month a pre-payment scheme has been launched that could save you money. For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/24p3f9>

If you care for someone who uses the same medicines regularly, you may be able to benefit from repeat dispensing from your pharmacist avoiding time-consuming consultations with your GP/practice.

The flu vaccination is available from October 2007 and people who care for a vulnerable relative are advised to contact their GP to request this as the welfare of the person cared for may be at risk should you fall ill and be unable to continue caring for them.



## Events

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### Parents Make Every Disabled Child Matter

*"Positive day – good to meet other parents from different areas."*

*"An extremely useful day. I hope there will be further ones..."*

*"Very positive, helpful information. Lovely to meet like-minded people. I feel quite uplifted. Hope I can help the campaign."*

These are just some of the comments from those who attended one of the recent Every Disabled Child Matters campaign workshops for parents organised by the campaign team and Contact a Family. The focus was on the campaign and how parents could both support it and use it to further their own involvement work in their areas.

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Thanks to the efforts of supporters, Every Disabled Child Matters has successfully campaigned for government to invest an additional £340 million in disabled children's services. Local authorities across England are also signing up to the campaign charter after campaigning by local parents.

The campaign needs supporters to use tools like the local authority charter to challenge local service providers and push for changes on the ground. Campaign manager Steve Broach comments:

*"If services for disabled children are finally going to improve, it will be parents who make it happen. Working together locally, parents have the power to make disabled children a new priority for local decision-makers. We were delighted at the support for the campaign from parents at this workshop and we want every parent of a disabled child - and everyone who cares about disabled children - to join us in this campaign."*

Parents have asked us for follow up days to find out the progress of the campaign and how they can build and maintain momentum in their areas. Several workshops have now been planned. Join us to meet other parents, find out what's happening and how you can get involved.

Workshops will be held in Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham, Leicester, Oxfordshire, London, Exeter and across the country. For booking details click on the links or phone Liz Ranger, Parent Participation Manager on 020 7608 8784 or email [liz.ranger@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:liz.ranger@cafamily.org.uk).

<b>Leicester</b> 9 Oct 10.30am-3pm	Voluntary Action Leicester, 9 Newarke Street, Leicester LE1 5SN <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMLeicester.pdf">http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMLeicester.pdf</a>
<b>Exeter</b> 11 Oct 10.30am-3pm	The X Centre, Commercial Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4AD <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMExeter.pdf">http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMExeter.pdf</a>
<b>London</b> 15 Oct 10.30am-3pm	Wesley's Chapel Leysian Mission, City Road, London EC1Y 1AU <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMLondon.pdf">http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMLondon.pdf</a>
<b>Birmingham</b> 18 Oct 10.30am-3pm	Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMBirmingham.pdf">http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMBirmingham.pdf</a>
<b>Oxfordshire</b> 6 Nov 10.30am-3pm	Bloxham Mill Business Centre, Barford Road, Bloxham, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 4FF <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMOxfordshire.pdf">http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMOxfordshire.pdf</a>
<b>Liverpool</b> 8 Nov 10.30am-3pm	Glaxo Neurological Centre, Norton Street, Liverpool L3 8LR <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMLiverpool.pdf">http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMLiverpool.pdf</a>

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<b>Sheffield</b> 15 Nov 11am-3pm	Centre in the Park, Norfolk Heritage Park, Guildford Avenue, Sheffield S2 2PL <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMSheffield.pdf">http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMSheffield.pdf</a>
<b>London</b> 21 Nov 6pm-9.30pm	Contact a Family, 209-211 City Road, London EC1V 1JN <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMLondonevening.pdf">http://www.cafamily.org.uk/EDCMLondonevening.pdf</a>



## Message from the Network

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