

Extending Further – planning in extended schools and children’s centres to improve access and inclusion of disabled children and young people.

A national conference

21st October 2008, Regents College, London

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Background

Extended schools and children’s centres are designed to provide extra learning opportunities, childcare and a range of activities for all children and young people. In addition, for families with disabled children extended activities offer opportunities for participation in their community. This agenda is also instrumental in the delivery of Aiming High for Disabled Children and Aiming High for Young People: a ten year strategy for positive activities across the country. But for how many is this a real offer? The Disability Discrimination Act requires all services to make reasonable adjustments and it is essential that children’s centres and extended schools are developed in a way that is accessible to disabled children and that all staff have the confidence and support to ensure disabled children are able to participate fully. The Council for Disabled Children (CDC) have undertaken a project commissioned by Sure Start and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to build on learning from their Extending Inclusion project and publication in spring 2008 to identify effective practice in including disabled children and young people in extended schools and children’s centres.

This conference brings together learning from this work and explores strategic and operational issues and solutions for including disabled children and young people in children’s centres and extended services.

Who should attend?

This national conference will be relevant to all staff who are involved in the strategic and operational planning, development and delivery of extended services and in the work of children’s centres. Places are free for this event.

Draft Programme

9.15 Registration and refreshments

9.45 Welcome, introduction, and setting the scene

Helen Wheatley, Principal Officer, Council for Disabled Children
and Zara Todd, Young Expert Consultant and Equality 2025 member.

10.00 National policy update

Government progress and commitment to access and inclusion for disabled children and young people in children’s centres and extended schools.

10.45 Extending Further - learning from project

11.30 Coffee

11.50 Workshops

A chance to work with colleagues and examine key issues on access and inclusion for disabled children and young people in extended schools and children’s centres.

1.20 lunch

2.10 Second choice of Workshops

3.40 Expert panel

4.30 Summary from chairs and conference close.

Booking form: **Extending Inclusion**

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