

CORE Training Sessions for Children's Ministry

What is CORE?

The CORE trainings are a series of courses for developing the key skills for children's work in the church. CORE Edinburgh is the network of children's ministry workers and volunteers who have taken part in these training courses in the past and for those who would like to take part in the trainings in the future. The trainings in Edinburgh are co-led ecumenically by Margaret Grant (CofS) and Michelle Brown (SEC) using the curriculum training resources provided by Barnabas publishing which were developed by the Consultative Group on Ministry among Children.

CORE Modules – the Format

The trainings for 2010 will cover Child Development, Programme Planning, and Pastoral Awareness. During the trainings there is opportunity to share ideas and experiences which allows space for theological reflection on children's ministry and good practice. Each training session opens with coffee and tea and then finishes with some time in worship. Both of these times provide opportunity for connecting with other children's ministry volunteers and workers within Edinburgh which opens up a network of support once we all return to our home churches.

CORE Modules – what, where and when

The Three Main Modules:

w Child Development

Saturday 6 February

We will explore what child development means in practice and how to apply a working knowledge of child development into curriculum and activity planning, especially across a multi-age group of children. Helpful for all, but especially so for new and less experienced workers.

w Programme Planning

Saturday 27 February

We will explore the most effective use of our time and resources while exploring developments in curriculum and resources now available. Helpful for all, but especially so for those new to leading and planning the group meetings.

w Pastoral Awareness

Saturday 20 March

We will explore how our role is much more than just "telling the story" or completing a lesson plan for the day. It will challenge us to think about what it really means to minister to children. Helpful for all, whether volunteer workers or church leaders.

All sessions take place at:

Saughtonhall URC Church, Saughtonhall Drive, EH12 5TR

10.00 – 12.30 for each session

Cost £3 per session, payable on the day.

To Find Out More – the CORE Introductory Session

If you are interested in CORE, but want a chance to learn more about it without yet registering for the sessions, then you might want to come along to Palmerston Place Church on Wednesday, 20 January from 7:30pm-9pm for an informal gathering.

To Register

Contact Michelle Brown at youth@dioceseofedinburgh.org

You can also find us on FACEBOOK – Edinburgh CORE Training Group.