

Jewel project news

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Beneficiaries

Recruited to the Project

Sixty seven childminders have started working towards an NVQ Early Years Care and Education Award Level 3 and two towards a Level 2.

We are currently in the process of recruiting and registering a further three applications for Level 3 and twenty-eight for Level 2.

'Introduction to Childminding Course'

This twelve hour course was attended by sixteen Childminding applicants. There was 100% attendance over the four evenings and it is anticipated that they will now continue with the registration process to become registered childminders. A few have expressed an interest in attending the NVQ Early Years Level 2 Taught class, to be held in the NICMA office on Monday evenings starting September 2005.

NVQ Level 2 Taught Class

We are seeking to recruit fifteen beneficiaries for the NVQ Level 2 taught programme and have targeted newly registered childminders within the Eastern Board area. The classes will commence on 5th September 2005

Facts & Fun Training Days

Training days were organised in each board area with 64 childminders attending.

The morning session covered 'Child Observation' and the afternoon session varied within each Board area. The days proved enjoyable and beneficial for everyone with some new friendships being formed among the childminders. This has been a valuable peer support mechanism for those concerned.



Training Days



Project Staff

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Northern Board – held in the Causeway Coast Hotel, Bushmills on 5th March.

Southern Board – held in the Seagoe Hotel, Portadown on 12th March

Western Board – held in the Da Vinci's Hotel, Londonderry on 9th April.

Eastern Board – held in the Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast on 16th April.

Training Resources

All beneficiaries inducted on to the project to date have received a full training pack and support materials, including a text book to assist them as they study for the Award. A CD Rom containing guidance for building a portfolio of evidence for NVQ Level 3 is almost ready for distribution.

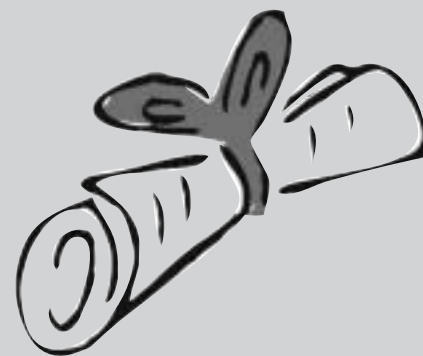


Book Library

Books have been purchased to develop the 'Jewel' book library. All beneficiaries were issued with a recommended reading list and books can now be borrowed through their assessor.

Progress of NVQ Awards

Almost all of the learners registered to date have at least two units completed and submitted for Internal Verification. Many are well on the way to having seven units completed and ready for second Internal Verification.



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