

Unique Early Years Event

18th September 08, 1 – 4 pm

Northumbria University in conjunction with Nurture Us

Will be hosting a lecture/workshop on:

Attachment Theory and The Role of Secondary Attachments

John Bowlby was one of the most influential and controversial attachment theorists. His work and the subsequent work of his colleagues has been instrumental in informing early years policy and practice for a number of years now and its themes are still evident in recent policy developments including the new Early Years Foundation Stage, which acknowledges the importance of the processes of attachment for young children.

The Early Years world is in a period of unprecedented change. As the role of the Early Years Professional begins to evolve and as more parents are being encouraged to return to work, the subject of attachment in young children is once more in the spotlight. Parents and practitioners are being challenged by the pressures to meet the needs of very young children yet at the same time conform to the often contradictory demands of government and policy makers.

This is an exceptional opportunity to hear Richard Bowlby's account of his father's work as he delivers a lecture, facilitates discussion and responds to questions on the attachment needs of babies and toddlers. He will share his ideas around the quality of attachments, particularly those formed in the first three years of life and their impact on brain development, personality and long term mental health.

The day will be facilitated by **Richard Bowlby**



Richard Bowlby retired in 1999 from medical photography, producing illustrations for research communications. He now gives lectures to health care professionals using video material and personal insights to promote a much broader understanding of his father's work on attachment theory. He supports a range of organizations that address challenging attachment issues, and is seeking ways to help the general public benefit from a better understanding of attachment relationships.

Who is the event for?

The event will be of interest to early years practitioners and professionals from health, education and social work services, children's centres, day care and parenting support as well as key local authority representatives and students and colleagues from further and higher education institutions.



How to book your place

There is no cost for this event. It is a celebration of the new Early Years Strategy in the School of Health, Community and Education Studies and an opportunity to thank our external partners for their valuable contributions to our early years work.

Places will be in high demand and allocated on a first come first served basis. **To book a place, please email Julie Blackwell (Julie.blackwell@unn.ac.uk) with the following information:**

- full name
- organisation/university programme
- email & telephone contact details

Once we have received your request for a place we will send you an email confirmation.

The School of Health, Community and Education Studies

The academic framework for the children's workforce in the School offers flexible progression pathways for current early years practitioners and for those new to the early years workforce and includes the following opportunities:

BA (Hons) Early Years (Birth-5)

BA (Hons) Learning in Families, Schools and Beyond

BA (Joint Hons) Early Years and Childhood Studies

BA/BSc (Honours) Early Years Practice

Early Years Professional Status

National Professional Qualification in Integrated Centre Leadership

MA Leadership and Management in Integrated Children's Services

MA Early Education and Care

Venue

This event will be held in Room 022 Clinical Skills Centre, Coach Lane Campus West. Refreshments will be provided. Please see web links below. Parking is available on Coach Lane Campus East. Please note that there is a barrier system in operation and a token will need to be purchased (£1) to exit the East campus.

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