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Kids VIP Playworkers' Forum: Bring Your Play Area to Life

29th November 2011, Cathedral Centre, Salford



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Summary of Attendee's Feedback

- Attendees rated the event very high – see table below “Attendees’ Ratings of Specific Event Components”
- The written comments were overwhelmingly positive – see table on page 2 & 3 “Attendees’ Written Comments”
- Several complaints were made about difficulties with finding the venue and with parking; however, comments about the interior of the venue were very positive.
- The most popular components of the event appear to have been ‘Making Ways with Waste,’ ‘BookStart Bear Club’ and the ‘Inspiring children’s books and activities’ sessions.
- Attendees also commented that getting to meet other playworkers or ‘like-minded people’ was a particularly high point of the event.
- Suggestions for future events included more opportunities to exchange ideas among the group and offering a session on how to run family days.

Attendees’ Ratings of Specific Event Components						
Statements about the Event	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)	Rating Average	
I felt the venue and location was suitable for this type of meeting?	1	0	9	11	3.4	Agree
I felt the length of the meeting and sessions were correct?	0	0	13	8	3.4	Agree
I found the introduction to the meeting very informative?	0	0	9	11	3.6	Strongly Agree
I found the session 'Inspiring Children's books and activities you can use in the play area very informative?	0	1	9	11	3.5	Strongly Agree
I found the presentation on the 'BookStart Bear Club' very informative?	0	0	9	11	3.6	Strongly Agree
I found the session on 'Making Ways with Waste' very useful?	0	0	6	10	3.6	Strongly Agree
The meeting covered everything I expected it to?	0	0	6	12	3.7	Strongly Agree

Attendees' Written Comments	
I felt the venue and location was suitable for this type of meeting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lovely centre, plenty of refreshments. But find York more accessible. • Travel instructions were not clear. Lengthy taxi journey as came into wrong station (Piccadilly) • easy to find from Victoria Station • It could have been helpful to have some VIP signs (!!) • Really good room, ample space, light enough & comfy furniture • easy to get to, good directions • The venue was very nice. • Beautiful location with exceptional facilities. • Nightmare to locate; got sent various different ways - totally lost, asked everybody + late. • Parking was a nightmare
I felt the length of the meeting and sessions were correct?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good to have a bit of "movement" during morning book session • Very well paced. • Yes, although book/storytime was a bit lengthy • Yes these were fine. • Brilliant idea and activities, Great ideas from Grumpy's
I found the introduction to the meeting very informative?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nice to see everyone. • Was nice to find out what was going on with KidsVIP since they merged with pact. Also hand out about courses they now run. • I read up on what was prepared + found informative. But missed as late getting here. • Interesting to learn about KidsVIP
I found the session 'Inspiring Children's books and activities you can use in the play area very informative?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much talking about book[s] we already have. Not enough books for older children. • Was really good. Good ideas on how to make story time more entertaining to children of all ages. • very good • Good range of resources. • great hands on activities • Lots of idea to engage different ages of children in VC & VC hall. • It has reminded me to clear out our book areas & select more inspiring books. • Very inspiring, I love introducing any form of books/making etc. to encourage reading. • Absolutely fabulous. Will make more time to involve libraries and BookStart!
I found the presentation on the 'BookStart Bear Club' very informative?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good news on funding. Informative. • Will be looking at the website on return home. • [Very] good to learn about this. • Shame no physical resources available. • Great that funding is available, but would have to have seen finished article but I totally understand. • Very interesting & delivered well. • Yes to make our families aware of what will be on offer to them + where.

Attendees' Written Comments, continued	
I found the session on 'Making Ways with Waste' very useful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonderful ~ great, fun. • Brill apart from mask making as we do this every day. • Brought group together - good ideas regarding products. • Very enjoyable! • Really enjoyed it. • Absolutely fabulous! Inspirational session & tons of fun. • Some brilliant ideas. Good for ice-breakers! • Gave ideas with little resources + would get to all age groups.
The meeting covered everything I expected it to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brill day was good to meet up with people. • didn't know what to expect - fist KidsVIP meeting/activity • Exceed my expectations. • Yes and got to meet many people doing similar/same + networking.
What topics would you like to see featured at the next meeting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More ideas for children who have "grown up" whilst visiting Dad. • APVU as sometimes getting info on booklets in different languages hard to find. I know it is not to do with kids visiting in prison. • Information + idea exchange from other HMP's + YOI. Ann Hayes from Manchester HMP's presentation was immaculate. • Maybe something ... [illegible] ... done on the day - without much preparation. I don't know what!! • General updates on a national basis. • Funding/Staffing suggestions. • family days • Family day structure and ideas to be discussed. • Safeguarding. • Food - incorporating them with art and making things
Any further ideas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for another lovely day. • Very enjoyable. Will certainly take and use some of the ideas shown. • A very enjoyable day. Lots of ideas that I can use in my setting. Thank you. • After Christmas our play are is getting relocated & is starting from scratch. Would like more contact with KidsVIP but understand this comes down to cost. Did enjoy you training days & would like to see about restarting these if the cost comes at the right price. • Thank you for a very informative and enjoyable day. Coffee's and lunch were excellent. • Valuable to have chance to meet people from other prisons. • I found the day information. Useful having other people what... [Illegible]... Thank you for lunch. • Can you send me the email contacts of the staff that attended today? Thanks. • great day, lots of nice people and great ideas • Enjoyed the day + met some very nice people. • Very enjoyable day! • Has been a very lovely course and very informative. Will be taking a lot of idea's back with me. Thank you for the lovely food as well. • More please! Fabulous opportunity [to] meet like-minded & very special people. • More baby (under 2) activities, please. • Enjoyed the activities. Meeting people and putting faces to names of different establishments.