

CURBS Unpacked



A unique, hands-on
reflective learning
programme for those
working with children
in church-linked settings

shadowing

learning
by doing

coaching

being alongside



interactive



growing
together

apprenticeship

reflecting
together

A learning programme ?

Together we want to 'unpack' the key aspects of the CURBS' approach.* We believe these are really important for the way we understand children and the way we work with them. We want to think about issues such as:

- ☺ what it means to be made in God's image
- ☺ how we can meet a child's hunger for recognition
- ☺ spirituality as a springboard to faith
- ☺ the impact of shame and of disowning needs
- ☺ the church as a 'healthy village'
- ☺ how we can develop a child-centred attitude
- ☺ recognising and responding to coping strategies
- ☺ how we help a child to feel 'seen'

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Unique ? Hands-on ? Reflective ?

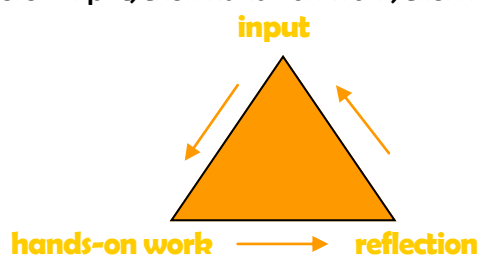
IT'S UNIQUE because:

- it's not about doing training but about producing people
- it's learning that grows and develops as you grow and develop
- it's about helping you to recognise and value what you're already doing with children - and building your self esteem
- it's about changing attitudes
- it's 'transformational' learning: it transforms the learner



IT'S HANDS-ON and **REFLECTIVE** because:

- it's a type of learning that involves action research; there is input, then hands-on work, then reflection



- We put the input into practice then return to reflect on it

Who's it for ?

This course is for those working with children who have already had a good deal of practical experience and who want to develop their understanding of issues further. It is not a course in basic children's work skills.

What does it involve?

- Commitment to attending 6 key sessions for training input and reflection.
- Participation in 12 hands-on sessions to include one all-age event plus two different types of activities, eg, holiday club, after school club, Sunday/midweek group. The majority of these sessions will be outside of your setting and will be discussed/arranged with other participants and the course leaders
- Cost: £75 per person. We are happy to talk about running this course for a group and could discuss costs with you if you are happy to host.

CURBS?

Children in URBan Situations

We have been developing resources and training for urban church-linked children's workers for over twelve years.

Our approach to working with children marries up three important strands:

- * children's spirituality
- * the way children develop
- * the urban context

We recognise the key importance of starting in the child's world, earning the right to be heard and building quality relationships.

The team ?

This will include:

- Kathryn Copsey
(CURBS Project Leader)
- Jean Elliott
(Waltham Forest Deanery
Children's Dev'ment Worker
East London Dev'ment
Worker, CURBS)
- Kate Traynor
(Hub Development Worker,
CURBS)
- Martyn Payne
(Trainer, Barnabas Team,
BRF)
- Cathie Smith
(Children's worker; Lifecoach)

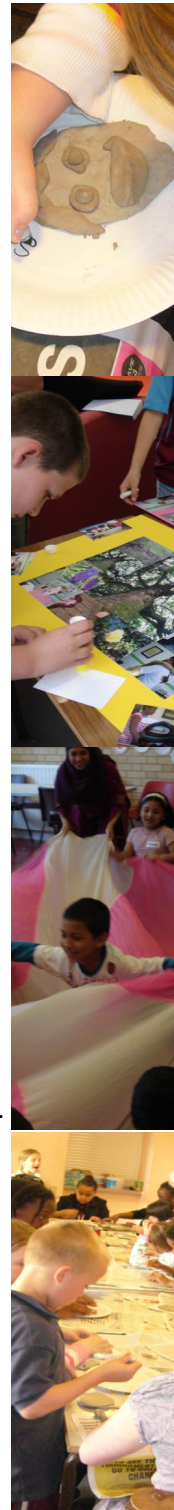
interested ?

Please contact Kate giving brief details of your experience, your current role with children and why you would be interested in this programme. She will then send further details. You will also need to have a valid CRB certificate.

If you would like more information or the opportunity to chat further about what is involved, email or ring Kate.

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A SAMPLE CURBS UNPACKED PROGRAMME

Times:

Each day will run from 10am to 4pm. Within this time there will be a mixture of input, small group times, hands-on activities and plenty of discussion, as well as opportunities to worship, reflect and process. These will not be 'sit and listen' sessions!

Dates and Sessions:

Session 1: Going Deeper

- exploring spirituality

Session 2: Celebrating self

- developing a healthy sense of self

Session 3: Releasing creativity

- discovering the riches of our unique gift

Session 4: Being childlike

- nurturing a child-centred attitude

Session 5: Becoming a healthy village

- developing a healthy all-age community

Session 6: Drawing together

- reviewing and presentations

Placements:

Course members will be advised of placement opportunities prior to the start of the course and will be invited to select those which interest them most and which fit in with their own timetables.

Mentoring:

Each course member will be allocated a mentor from within the course team who will support them through the course.

NB: CURBS is a Christian charity based on a Christian set of values. Prayer and worship will be a key component of the course.