

# 5x5x5=creativity

researching children researching the world

## NEWSLETTER 1

June 2008

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**Welcome** to the first issue of our newsletter which we will be issuing quarterly to all our colleagues, partners, practitioners and friends. In it we will share our latest news including research developments, progress from settings and information about upcoming events. Please tell your colleagues and networks about us if you think they might be interested - and direct them to our website [www.5x5x5creativity.org.uk](http://www.5x5x5creativity.org.uk) where they can sign up to our mailing list.

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### **Creative Thinkers=Powerful Minds This Thursday 3 July 2008**

9.30am – 4.30pm Michael Tippett Centre, Bath Spa University

A national conference showcasing education initiatives from across the UK that are pioneering creative ways of learning. A full day of talks, presentations and workshops at Bath Spa University will demonstrate the creative capacities of children and young people and offer a forum for practitioners to network and collaborate. This is a conference for strategy leaders, policy makers, head teachers, teachers, academics, artists – and anyone interested in exploring the creative potential of children and young people. Speakers include: leading authority on creativity and innovation Charles Leadbeater, and Professor Anna Craft, Exeter University, Open University and Visiting Scholar Harvard University.

**Tickets selling fast, BOOK NOW!** Download the programme and booking form here: <http://www.5x5x5creativity.org.uk>

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### **Between the Playground and the Woods: ReFocus Seminar feedback**

*'A great feeling of mutual interest and support, a reassurance of shared aims and values. A chance to speak, share thoughts and experiences and play together'.*  
Delegate feedback

We had a very inspiring half-day seminar on 1 April at Bath Spa University, which explored the issues of extending children's opportunities for outdoor roaming, discovery and learning. A big thank you to all our workshop leaders and speakers whose enthusiasm helped make the day such a success. Feedback has been resoundingly positive with lots of calls for a follow-up day conference! Let us know if you are interested in this area and would be interested in future opportunities for networking, discussion and reflection. For further information on the ReFocus Network and to become a member, please visit our website:

[www.5x5x5creativity.org.uk](http://www.5x5x5creativity.org.uk)

## **Research 2007– 2008**

This year, we will be showcasing our research in an online exhibition on our website in September 2008, along with the publication of our annual evaluation report which will be available to download. All our publications and our '100 Voices' DVD are available to buy on our website or by contacting us on [info@5x5x5creativity.org.uk](mailto:info@5x5x5creativity.org.uk)

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## **Book Launch**

### **Researching Children Researching the World: 5x5x5=creativity**

**Edited by: Susi Bancroft, Mary Fawcett and Penny Hay**

We are very pleased to announce the launch of our book 'Researching Children Researching the World' at the Creative Thinkers=Powerful Minds conference at Bath Spa University on 3 July. Published by Trentham Books, the book considers the philosophical framework of 5x5x5=creativity based on valuing children as competent creative learners, the context and history of the approach, case studies and adults' and children's stories of transformative learning, the practical framework of the collaborative researchful practice and integrated working in partnerships.

Available now from [www.trentham-books.co.uk](http://www.trentham-books.co.uk) and all good bookshops: £16.99.

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## **Patrons**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of three new patrons to 5x5x5=creativity. Iram Siraj-Blatchford is Professor of Early Childhood Education at the Institute of Education, University of London and President of Early Education; Sir Christopher Frayling is Rector of the Royal College of Art and Chair of Arts Council England; Anna Craft is Professor of Education, Exeter University and Open University. They join Richard Wentworth from the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art, Oxford University and our distinguished Board of Trustees in endorsing our work nationally and internationally.

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## **Tell us what you think!**

We would love to have your feedback on this newsletter – what else would you like to hear about? If you have any 5x5x5 related news or events that you would like to highlight then please let us know. We also welcome your input and suggestions for our website so get in touch and tell us what you think

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