Bristol Men in Early Years Network Meeting

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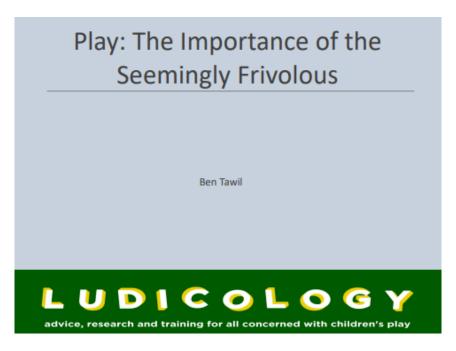
Guest Speaker: Ben Tawil



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2.30 2.45	Welcomes and introductions. Ben Tawil - 'Play, the importance of the seemingly frivolous' Ben will be joining us for a workshop on all things play: risk in play, physical activity and play, play in schools, play sufficiency, play auditing and the private and public realm.
3:30 3:45 4:00 4:30	Networking tea and coffee break. Final Q&A and discussion with Ben. Learning Stories workshop. Conference/ any other business.



Report/Minutes

Apologies from Shaddai Tembo.

Ben Tawil delivered session – 'Play – The importance of the seemingly frivalous' (paraphrased words of Ben Tawil – presentation attached)

- Ben describes Where the Wild Things Are as the perfect children's book. It displays how a child reconciles through the freedom of their own play.
- Play is not a linear process and doesn't fit neatly into Early Learning Goals criteria.

 They often focus on a product of play, rather than the procedurally important aspect.
- Groos (1985 p75) The period of youth is a vital stage for learning, i.e not a frivolous activity.
- Developmental Model Play is relegated to 1) Being linked to meeting criteria for adulthood. 2) Benefits to society. 3) Fixall for data driven observations.



- Post Developmental view provides a wholistic approach that links genes brain, body, behaviour and environment. Supports the idea that children are resilient, capable and require play for a spectrum of reasons.
- Play is culture creating.
- We are target facing...preparing for the next year group rather than developing 'now'.



Network Updates

Discussed the BMiEY conference (10.7.2018) and showed the <u>Eventbrite page</u>

Learning Stories

• Network members wrote short summaries on why they chose to work in early years.

Meeting Ends