



## WELCOME!

Welcome to the summer 2008 edition DPUK Newsletter.

Summer holidays are almost upon us, and harried parents, faced with the prospect of having children at home with them for 6 whole weeks. You think you have it all figured out and organised, but now you wish you had done just a bit more or maybe a lot more planning.

Summer holiday is a good time to relax and enjoy your children. In addition to giving children some structure and freedom... read to them, go for walks, go to the beach, and in other words... get to know them. You will find with a little thought and planning summer can be great for all of us.

We hope you have enjoyed reading all our Newsletters and keeping up-to-date with developments as such. If you would like to contact us about any aspect of DPUK and its services, please do drop us a line...

Don't forget, we would love to hear from you, if you have a story to tell us or tips to share...get in touch!

With best wishes for a happy summer!

**Nicole Campbell**  
**DPUK Coordinator**

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## Deaf Parenting UK Annual Conference 2008

Deaf Parenting UK will be hosting an Annual Conference on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at the Deaf Cultural Centre in Birmingham. The event will offer an exciting programme of speakers and workshops, as well as fun activities for children of Deaf parents.

This event is an opportunity for you all to meet and network with other Deaf parents, families and professionals.

If you are a Deaf parent or professional working with Deaf people, why not come along and find out what this is all about!

For more information and contact details, check out the poster on the next page.

Funded by:





*Empowering, Enabling & Supporting Deaf Parents*

**Deaf Parenting UK Annual Conference 2008  
on Saturday 4 October 2008**

**At Deaf Cultural Centre,  
Ladywood Road, Birmingham B16 8SZ**

**9.30am – 4.30pm**

**Deaf Parenting UK** is unique as the first ever charity and small national organisation run by Deaf parents for Deaf parents, representing the needs of all Deaf parents in the UK.

**Deaf Parenting UK** are delighted to host their **Annual Deaf Parenting Conference 2008** which offers an exciting programme of speakers and workshops as well as fun activities for children of Deaf parents.

This is also an excellent opportunity for you all to meet with other Deaf parents, families and professionals, to work together of how we can move forward toward empowering, enabling and supporting Deaf parents.

If you are Deaf parent or professional working with Deaf parents, your views and support counts!

**Cost: FREE for Deaf parents/ families. £50 for Professionals/ service providers.**

***“Limited places, please book early to avoid disappointment”***

**Refreshment available at the Deaf Cultural Centre Café.**

***Crèche available, please book your child(s) places in advance to confirm numbers.***

**Please contact us for more information on:**

**SMS: 07789 027186 (text only)**

**Email: [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk)**

**E-Fax: 0871 2643323**

**[www.deafparent.org.uk](http://www.deafparent.org.uk)**



Deaf Parenting UK

Every Child Matters

Change For Children

## Minister Responds to Concerns on Childcare Registration Fees

20 Jun 2008

In response to comments from the childcare sector, increases in registration fees for child care providers are to be introduced gradually, and in small increments over the next three years, and a new system of fee banding introduced from September 2008.

Speaking at the National Day Nurseries Association conference in Salford, Children's Minister Beverley Hughes said: "We consulted on the childcare registration and inspection fees in 2006 and the majority of respondents supported our proposals that fees and subsidy arrangements should be changed to achieve a fairer balance between the fees providers can afford to pay and targeting money locally to those who need it.

It is our vision to ensure that every child gets the best start in life and to help parents choose with confidence how they balance work and family life. Good quality childcare is key to this."

Three fee bands will be introduced to allow greater flexibility that takes into account the length of time the provision is available and consequently the level of income.

Fee increases will be held to modest increments over the next three years to give

the sector greater reassurance and stability and to help providers to consolidate and build on the change of recent years.

The Government will set out nearer the time how it will review the level of fees after 2010.

Extract from

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/?asset=News&id=101602>

\*\*\*\*\* NEWSFLASH \*\*\*\*\*

***Deaf Parenting UK* now on FACEBOOK**

Deaf Parenting UK has now launched their profile onto **Facebook** group which is free to join and enable us to increase our membership base. If you are on **Facebook**, please ensure you add Deaf Parenting UK as your group and invite all your friends to join too.

***DPUK Ambassadors***

Following the announcement in early 2008 welcoming the selection of new range of DPUK Ambassadors, ***Deaf Parenting UK*** are pleased to announce three new additional Ambassadors to our board of Ambassadors.

I am sure you will agree that we have excellent range of Ambassadors to represent DPUK at various levels locally, nationally and internationally (including Europe). Please check out the website for details of DPUK Ambassadors on [www.deafparent.org.uk/ambassadors.html](http://www.deafparent.org.uk/ambassadors.html)

**Deaf Parenting UK** are very delighted to welcome support from Anne McGuire, Minister for Disabled People on our work at Deaf Parenting UK as follow:

**Anne McGuire Minister for Disabled People**



*"Deaf Parenting UK sounds like a very interesting and innovative charity, which fits closely with the principals set out in the 'Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People' report published by the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit in*

*January 2005. As you will be aware, the Office for Disability Issues has a key role in helping Government take forward the report's recommendations.*

*I read with interest your annual report and am impressed with what you have achieved so far. Using well known people to raise awareness of the issues deaf parents face is a particularly effective idea. I hope you will accept this letter as a statement of my support for the work that you do. I hope Deaf Parenting UK continues to be successful in its work and I look forward to being kept informed of its progress."*

**DPUK Family Fun Events**



This year's treat to a family cracking day out was to the Gulliver's Theme Park. The theme

park is located in Milton Keynes and provides a fun packed action day for children up to 13 years.



Twenty-six Deaf parents and children attended the trip and a coach was booked courtesy of Deaf Parenting UK. Deaf Parents and children came out to enjoy the activities, rides and entertainment without rainfall, and feeling lucky to have enjoyed the day basking in the lovely sunshine.



The park was very well suited for children up to 13 years with lots to do and see and few queues on many of the rides.



## the dangers and risks of their profiles being exploited?

I have a daughter who in many ways is a typical teenager – she has weight and self esteem issues and occasionally fell out with her peers. She is 14 years old and enjoyed using the 'social networking' websites such as MySpace, an innocent pursuit which has resulted in her profile being exploited in an unnecessary manner.

She was feeling low one day when she logged online and was thrilled to be chatted up by a 16 year old boy and over the next few weeks they chatted, gossiped and exchanged compliments like any other teenagers would do and this was a welcome lift in her spirits.

But then out of a blue, the same boy told her he didn't want to be friends with her anymore and to her horror, she learnt he had forwarded her secrets and confessions to a circle of friends and delivered a spiteful posting that sent her into a down spiral

depression.

As a mother, I regularly monitor her internet use and find this cyber bullying a commonplace – with millions of children having access to computers and mobile phones, the problems are reaching epidemic proportions!

Anonymous behind cyber bullying means children can say things that are much more extreme and through manipulation of emails, social networking sites – bullying no longer stops at the school gates.

I have reported this claim to the police but the obvious problem is that the police tracking them down are time consuming – it's any wonder the bullies tend to get away scot free.

The vast quantity of information uploaded means the service providers struggle to 'police' the contents. What is the government doing about it?

**(Names have been withheld upon request)**

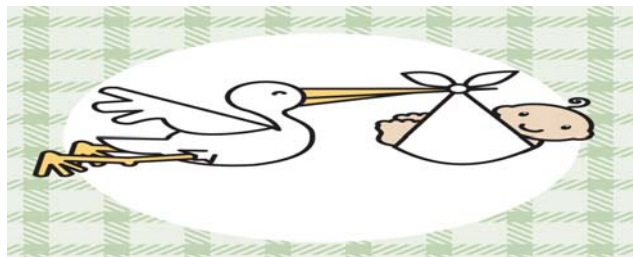


### Upcoming discussions:

- Do you have any concerns about the difficulty in helping your child with homework?
- Child safety issues on Summer Holiday clubs & Activities – how do you know if your child/children is/are safe?
- Worried about the spate of teenage killing, is your child safe on the streets?

We would welcome your views...please feel free to share them with **DPUK**  
Email or fax your comments to: **Email: [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk) or Fax: 0871 2643323**

# DPUK Announcement *Sharing your news...*



## New baby



Many congratulations to Sabina & Asif Iqbal on the spontaneous water birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> baby, a newborn son Areeb Hasan on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 00.00am (midnight) after a 3hr labour, weighing a healthy 6lb 7.5oz. Their first daughter Samaira is proud of her new baby brother and gave him lots of kisses.

Sabina, Chair & Founder of Deaf Parenting UK, gave a sign of relief: *"Phew! Areeb came 2.5 weeks early at the time of so many changes in our lives which was hectic for all of us but we are glad that Areeb is well and healthy."*

Sabina & Asif would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their congratulations and best wishes.

## NSPCC CHILD PROTECTION BSL HELPLINE PROVIDED BY SIGN VIDEO



If you are deaf or hard of hearing and are worried about a child or need advice, contact our NSPCC Child Protection BSL Helpline, through qualified British Sign Language interpreters:

**Call via ISDN videophone on:**  
020 84631148

**Online via IP videophone or webcam to:** [nspcc.signvideo.tv](http://nspcc.signvideo.tv)

**Service Opening Hours:**  
Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm

## Confidentiality and the NSPCC Helpline

NSPCC cannot trace your phone number and you do not have to give your name and address. You can find out more about the NSPCC's confidentiality policy and what happens to the information you give them from their website on [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk).

**Profile:**  
**Asif Iqbal, DPUK Project Manager**



**Asif was well known in his previous job as a Project Manager for Parentline Plus for two years, representing 25 million parents. Asif explained:**

"Here, I was responsible in developing and strengthening partnerships with agencies in statutory and voluntary sectors/stakeholders on national level, in working with the most excluded families.

I also managed the training & development including 'Training the Trainers' course that will enable parents to deliver the Parentline Plus's 'Parents Together' accredited & evidence-based family support services to families of excluded communities.

In my extensive role at Parentline Plus, I developed and manage four pilot projects from scratch on national level in partnership with organisations who works with excluded communities (i.e. Deaf Parenting UK, African Women Care Centre, Tamil Welfare Group, Refugee Council and Chinese Mental Health Association, Heartlands School, Birmingham), through the development, piloting and rolling out a franchising model of services which providing key opportunities and ensuring Trainers are recruited from the excluded communities who are parents themselves to provide the 'Parents Together' courses. This would in turn support parents from excluded communities with their parenting skills at home to increase their parental engagement with their children thus lead to their improved learning & social outcomes.

Together with my experiences from Parentline Plus, I am delighted to join Deaf Parenting UK in my role as Project Manager.



**Deaf Parenting UK**

To date, I have succeeded in raising the profile of Deaf Parenting UK (DPUK) as a small national voluntary organisation, secured several high profile ambassadors to represent and celebrities/ politicians to support Deaf Parenting UK as a unique organisation for Deaf parents. I have also made contact with local, national and international Deaf organisations across the world, to share good working practices of providing information and support to Deaf parents.

I am very keen to promote our organisation and to seek partnership with other local organisations and mainstream organisations to find ways to support Deaf parents. Deaf Parenting UK's mission is to *empower, enabling confidence and supporting Deaf parents.*

So far, I have attended the Baby show in Docklands and the Community Care Live Conference on Children & Families, campaigning on the needs of Deaf parents on local and national level and to highlight the importance of our work at Deaf Parenting UK.

In addition to our fantastic website in BSL and regular Deaf Parenting newsletter, we have produced Deaf Parenting skill courses poster so please download from our website:

[www.deafparent.org.uk/news.html#PSC\\_poster](http://www.deafparent.org.uk/news.html#PSC_poster) and encourage your friends, family and colleagues to distribute and display on your notice board.



### Website:

Also on our website, we have a **forum** on [www.deafparent.org.uk/forums.html](http://www.deafparent.org.uk/forums.html) where all Deaf parents and professionals are invited to join FREE. This is excellent opportunity to share your view, thoughts and comments about Deaf parenting in general and what you would like to see happen for Deaf Parenting UK.

We also have **calendar of events** including Family Fun days – please check calendar regularly on [www.deafparent.org.uk/calendar/](http://www.deafparent.org.uk/calendar/) to see if there is something happening that appeals you.

### Membership:

Also the more people join Deaf Parenting UK as FREE member, the better opportunity for you to have your views represented at Deaf Parenting UK and influencing the work we do. Please let your family/ friends who are Deaf parents or CODA themselves to contact us by SMS on 07789 027186 or email us at [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk), quoting 'MEMBERSHIP' with your name, address, email address and your contact number (if any e.g.: SMS/ Fax/ Minicom).

We have also launched Deaf Parenting UK on **Facebook**, to reach out as many people as possible. Please spread the word, encouraging people to join Deaf Parenting UK group on Facebook and to look at our Deaf Parenting UK website.

I would like say special thanks to Nicole Campbell, DPUK Co-ordinator for her excellent support to many Deaf parents and producing regular Deaf Parenting Newsletters. It's a fantastic opportunity for you as Deaf parents and professionals working with Deaf parents to share your news, ideas and comments as contribution to our newsletter. We want to inspire Deaf parents as confident parents by learning,

empowering, enabling and supporting each other.

If you would like to learn more about our services including Deaf Parenting skill courses or become to DPUK trainer, please contact Nicole on [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk)

**Asif Iqbal**

**Deaf Parenting UK Project Manager**

[media@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:media@deafparent.org.uk)

## Disabled Mothers Wanted!

Are you a mother living with a disability?  
Interested in telling your story?

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES

The views of disabled women are overlooked in family research.  
You can change that!

We want to interview mothers with disabilities (custodial or non-custodial) about their experiences as mothers.

This project will involve a 1-1 ½ hour interview, done in strict confidence

**For further information, please contact**

**Dr. Claudia Malacrida**  
[claudia.malacrida@uleth.ca](mailto:claudia.malacrida@uleth.ca)

**Dr. Malacrida is a faculty member and Researcher in Sociology at the University of Lethbridge, Canada. She will be in the UK to do interviews in Summer 2008.**



## NOTICE BOARD



### Parent & Toddler Groups:

#### **Action Deafness Parent & Baby/Toddler Group**

Meet deaf/deafened/deafblind/HOH parents with hearing/deaf babies/toddlers. For further information, please contact:

Information & Activities Officer  
Action Deafness  
135 Welford Road, Leicester LE2 6BE  
Tel: 0116 257 4800  
Text: 0116 257 4888  
Fax: 0116 257 4858  
Email: [sharonsmith@actiondeafness.org.uk](mailto:sharonsmith@actiondeafness.org.uk)

#### **Deaf Access Parent & Toddler Group**

Meets on 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month.  
Time: 12.30 to 2.30pm

At: Deaf Access, Community House, South Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1RH  
For more information about Deaf Access Parent & Toddler Group, please contact Jonathan Nelson on:

E-mail: [advocate@deaf-access.co.uk](mailto:advocate@deaf-access.co.uk)  
SMS: 07751244853  
Voice: 020 8315 2550  
Minicom: 020 8315 2552  
Fax: 020 8315 2554

**The Deafness Resource Centre** and Sure Start working in partnership to provide a playgroup 'Happy Hands' for children Deaf, HOH parents & Hearing parents of deaf HOH children under 5yrs.

To attend you must book your place, for more information about session dates, contact: **Deafness Resource Centre**  
32-40 Dentons Green Lane  
St Helens  
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Tel/text: 01744 238 87  
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Email: [deafsociety2003@yahoo.com](mailto:deafsociety2003@yahoo.com)

### Vacancies:



#### **DPUK Volunteers wanted:**

If you are interested in helping out or be involved with the DPUK Annual Conference as a volunteer, we would love to hear from you.

We are seeking people to help with photography for the day, assist with conference, crèche and children activities and many more.

For more information or to express your interest, please email your CV to [media@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:media@deafparent.org.uk)

**Needed:  
Parents of Young Children with Hearing Aids to  
Participate in a Focus Group Discussion**



If your child has mild, moderate, or severe hearing loss, wears a hearing aid, and is 4 years old or younger, we would like to invite you to participate in a 2-hour group discussion with other parents like you. The research session is designed to help hearing aid manufacturers gather feedback from parents about issues related to hearing aids for young children and needs that exist for support, education, and training so that improvements can be made and materials can be developed to assist young children and their families.

Your opinions are very important.

*You will receive £50 for your time and participation*

**6:30PM**

**WIMBLEDON VILLAGE WIMBLEDON, LONDON**

*If you would like to attend, but need special arrangements for transportation, please let our operators know when you call.*

Call The Research House 020 7487 9291  
to see if you qualify. Space is limited

# DPUK CONTACTS



Deaf Parenting UK

## Deaf Parenting UK

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Email: [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk)

Web: [www.deafparent.org.uk](http://www.deafparent.org.uk)

## Want to become a trustee member...?

If you are a deaf parent and have an interest in becoming a trustee board member, please email your CV and covering letter explaining why you want to become a member to: [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk)

## DPUK Board Trustee

The DPUK Board Trustee is a group made up of a Working Party consisting of deaf parents, professionals and service providers working together to identify gaps in information and services and find ways to improve access for deaf parents.

## Board of Trustees

**Chair** – Sabina Iqbal, Deaf Mum & Sensory Team Manager

**Vice Chair** – Trudi Collier, Deaf Mum & Deaf Counsellor

**Treasurer** – Jessica Wilde, Deaf Mum & Deaf Employment Advisor

**Secretary** – Vacant

## Board Members

Ramon Woolfe - Deaf Father & Entrepreneur

Yasmin Kovic - Deaf Mum & Specialist in Child Protection

Penny Beschizza - Deaf Mum & Lecturer for Deaf Students

Kevin Buckle - Deaf Father & Mental health support worker with experience of ethnic issues

Shahab Reza - Deaf Father & specialist in Charity accountancy, IT tutorial including ECDL

Mary-Jayne Russell de Clifford – Deaf Mum & Teaching Assistant and Play worker for Deaf children.

## DPUK Staff

Asif Iqbal – Deaf Father & DPUK Project Manager

Nicole Campbell – Deaf Mum & DPUK co-ordinator

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