Seminar 5: Engaging with Families and Communities
Input 1: Renfrewshire Council
Engaging with families and communities - Families First Renfrewshire

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Renfrewshire’s Strategy for the Early Years

Giving our Children the Best Start in Life:

1. family-centred approach within the locality
2. family-centred outreach approach
3. support for families with older children
Some of our key actions

• Families First core teams in 5 localities
  – Ferguslie, Linwood, Johnstone, Foxbar and Gallowhill

• Families First Clubs during school holidays
  – P1-P3 pupils receiving school clothing grant

• Nurture Strategy (pre-5, Primary and Secondary)
  – Barnardo’s Five to Thrive model

• Mobile Children’s Service (Skoobmobile)

• Pizza Reading Groups

• Speech and Language training for pre-5 staff
  – Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Pizza Reading Project

Family Learning - Overview

- Pizza Reading Project established 2012 with Hotspot Literacy Initiative Funding
- Project supports the Scottish Government’s Literacy Action Plan
- Identifies the link between; poverty; poor educational attainment; and literacy needs
- Project has continued to grow and is still developing further
- Working with parents
- Raising Attainment Project – St David’s PS

Film – A Unique Approach to Learning
Pizza Reading Group DVD

9 minutes

Education Scotland award (partnership category)
Scottish Attainment Challenge in Renfrewshire

- 5 Primary Schools
  - Ferguslie
    • Glencoats and St. Fergus
  - Johnstone
    • St. David’s
  - Gallowhill
    • St. Catherine’s and Gallowhill
St. David’s Primary School Raising Attainment project

- Family Learning approach
- literacy, numeracy and resilience
- whole school
- P1 Pizza Reading
- Pizza Maths
- P6 / P7
- Pizza time
EY strategy evaluation

Families First core teams
– external evaluation by Glasgow University
  “overwhelmingly positive impact”

Annual Impact Report #3
Evidence of impact was obtained in relation to:
• parental and child wellbeing
• attachment relationships
• parenting skills and knowledge
• professional skills and knowledge
• home environments
• employability skills.
Summary

• Families First Strategy
  – Core team model
  – Families First clubs
  – Pizza Reading Groups
  – robust evaluation approach

• SAC schools in Renfrewshire
  – Ferguslie, Gallowhill and Johnstone localities
  – Pizza Reading and Pizza Family Learning
Any questions?

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Useful links

- Families First core teams
- Skoobmobile
  - Bedtime stories in the community
- Renfrewshire Council
  - Tackling Poverty Strategy and Action Plan
  - Early Years Conference
Input 2: Dundee City Council