

SCE (C) / Catterick Mitigating Mobility Day 1/5/08

Summary of course evaluations

What aspects of the event were beneficial?

- Meeting with UK practitioners
- SEAL and Persona Dolls presentations were particular good
- Enjoyed Betty's presentation to each school!
- The opportunity to share experiences with colleagues; interesting to hear from UK viewpoint. Enjoyed SEAL aspects of all presentations, good idea.
- Chance to meet Catterick heads – really useful perspective.
- Enjoyed particularly SEAL, dolls & playground talk presentations
- Information on mobility and impact. The different approaches of schools
- Psychological aspects of mobility
- Case studies from Catterick schools- Persona doll, SEAL and 'positive playgrounds'
- The early years part was very relevant
- The case study discussions were brilliant and enhanced my knowledge of helping children to achieve, belong and learn
- It was all beneficial
- Dialogue between SCE and UK heads
- All presentations excellent and lots of ideas gathered to follow up
- New ideas and new contacts
- Good feedback session
- Enjoyed it all. Really useful discussions. Very Impressed with mobility persona dolls, SEAL, positive playgrounds. Been a lot of change since my time at school, all for the better. Lots of creative, positive learning opportunities. (Playground advisors! Great idea)
- An opportunity to share good practice
- Chance to network
- Liaising with colleagues
- Discovering very similar issues
- Lots of practice to steal!
- All – brilliant range of presentation on different aspects of mobility
- Opportunity to visit N. Yorks schools vicariously via the presentations
- Found something useful / insightful in each presentation
- Insight into the lifestyle our children are up against. As a civilian with no military background, except what I pick up en-route, I have limited understanding of the obstacles they face.
- All very interesting – the input from Anne Wilson was extremely useful. The day flowed well, and was an extremely valuable end to a very successful week (or should I say the beginning of the next phase). The North Yorks HTs' presentations were excellent and of value to me.
- Meeting Colleagues
- Sharing expertise, ideas, good practice
- Names of schools became real places
- Lots of comfort breaks

- The day was really interesting especially the input from Ann about resettlement.
- (About the school visits) From my point of view it has been great to be able to talk to the children who are coming out to Cyprus and tell them a little more about their new school.

Could improvements be made? Is so, how?

- As indicated prior to the event, the only people who were able to see the good practice in Cyprus schools were the visiting HTs and other invited Cyprus multi-agencies representatives.
- Wished we all could have seen the other Cyprus presentations – still have not seen what the other schools did at the conference.
- Further developments related to mobility
- Time for discussion but very difficult given how packed the day was!
- No
- To have had longer
- More time spent at Akrotiri school
- More time! (Standard problem!!)
- Yes all very positive- but what about the children who struggle and also how that is managed (primary level)
- More opportunity to discuss – time issue
- No – Longer stay!!
- More time - as always
- Holding individuals to account re timescales so that 'talk time' wasn't lost.
- Continue this sort of training on a regular basis to remind those of us still here and inform new colleagues.
- Obviously more time

What actions are there to follow up?

- Message given to J21 Welfare of importance that SCE schools attach to mobility
- Provide a forum for our schools to promote their excellent practices to the Cyprus services and other SCE Cyprus staff/ teachers.
- Share good practice with SCE Schools
- Keep liaison going
- I would personally like to develop this link
- Further develop links between N. Yorks & SCE
- Investigation into resources mentioned
- For teachers to take back to Cyprus schools some of the excellent work being done at Catterick
- None - apart from my own learning in mobility and deployment.
- Distribution of info to others
- Further liaison with N Yorks & other LAs
- Please keep the contacts
- Copies of handouts/ presentations please
- Improve communication between Cyprus Schools re. mobility and other receiving schools worldwide

- As TM of PS &SWS will share materials at team meeting with all staff. Will give update, general overview of what is happening in schools
- Sharing of good resources
- Keep links going
- Inclusion issues – especially ISDT posts are in doubt
- Putting some of the ideas into practice e.g. new pupil ‘passport’
- Looking up some of the info given out during presentations
- Contacts to be maintained
- Cyprus HTs to visit Catterick
- Continue links
- Share findings with colleagues back at school

Any other comments and / or views on venue?

- An explanation of SEN intake / schools’ individual input to CEAS referral system for those not familiar with what actually happens here in Cyprus would be useful.
- Venue fine – shame there is no natural sunlight! Efforts should be made to improve the transfer of information in both directions.
- Really interesting for other agencies. The invite much appreciated.
- I have never liked the ‘underground’ rooms in St Raphael
- Thank you for a very interesting day
- Well worthwhile week
- Enjoyable day (except for air con in my face!)
- The teaching methods now compared to my time (many years ago) are excellent. All positive and nurturing for children and YP. Very unlike the unfriendly schools of old. But what about our weak schools and pupil! Luckily in Cyprus we provide excellent schools for pupils but still improvement needed in some areas.
- Very reassuring to see that we all face the same issues and the opportunity to see the imaginative and innovative ways that schools deal with this
- Many many thanks to all for the hospitality – hope we can reciprocate in Catterick
- A very good day – just not enough time for discussion on developments
- Return to N Yorks next year: “The Station” - Richmond

Overall ratings of the day

Very Good – 20

Good - 3

Satisfactory - 0

Poor - 0

Very Poor – 0

N/R – 4

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