

Free Evening Expert Lecture

Making a difference

Transforming early years practice



Monday, 15th April

Light Refreshments available from 5.30pm

Lecture 6pm-7pm - Rowan Williams Court, Medway Campus

Dr KATHY GOOUCH & Dr SACHA POWELL

'Beginning with Babies'

In this talk we will discuss some of the complex and competing issues that appear to shape current provision for babies' care and education and will consider their needs, their rights and the opportunities afforded them to achieve those goals.

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Beginning with Babies

Jayden is thirteen weeks old. He spends more than 30 hours a week in daycare while his mother completes Year 10 at secondary school. Jayden is immersed in the regular routines of busy days in his baby room setting along with many other babies who come and go during the course of a week.

This environment and the people who surround him form the world he inhabits for the majority of his waking hours.

Jayden's Mum wants him to be 'safe and happy'. His key person wants him to be 'securely attached'. The Manager wants him to be 'doing well in all aspects of development'. Co-workers want him to be 'good for them and for his Mum.' Our Government wants him to access opportunities that will ensure that later he is 'ready for school',

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About Dr Kathy Goouch & Dr Sacha Powell

Dr Kathy Goouch and Dr Sacha Powell have been co-Directors of The Baby Room (research and development) Project since 2009. Kathy is a Reader in Education in the Department of Professional Development and Sacha is a Reader in Early Childhood in the Research Centre for Children, Families and Communities at Canterbury Christ Church University.

They have both published widely, including their new book, 'The Baby Room: Principles, Policies and Practice' available from March 2013 from Open University Press.

Each year they run a conference specially designed for people who work with babies and / or with baby room staff. The 4th Annual Baby Room Conference will be held on Friday, 19th April 2013 at Canterbury Christ Church University's Canterbury Campus, <http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/education/conferences-events/Home.aspx>

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