

Emale Matters

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Kick Start Fathers' Work Presentation Morning

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The Men's Project would like to invite you to a **FREE EVENT** which will showcase some of the learning which arose from the "Kick Start 2007" project. Kick Start 2007 was a seven month package of training, support, networking, reflection and practical action for organisations who are trying to, or wishing to, engage with fathers.

This event will ...

- happen on **Wednesday 26th September 2007**;
- begin with tea/coffee/registration at **10.00am** and finish with light lunch at 12.30pm;
- take place in the **Spires Conference Centre, Belfast City Centre**.

This short and informal event will give you the opportunity to ...

- understand why we need increased engagement with fathers;
- get a sense of what Kick Start offers;
- hear presentations from trainees who engaged with fathers in a range of settings;
- ask questions about Kick Start and the projects that were undertaken;
- meet all this year's Kick Start participants and find out more about the hands-on things involved in running an activity for fathers.

We hope that you will want to join us. However, please note that places are limited and applications will be accepted strictly on a first-come-first-served basis!

For more information, contact either [Colin Fowler](#) or [Trisha McQueen](#) at Tel: 02890 310891 or visit: www.mensproject.org/kickstart/presentation.html

Belfast Pride Festival 2007

Will last from Saturday 28th July - Saturday 4th August this year. For up-to-date information on events, visit: <http://www.belfastpride.com/home.php>

~ News ~

Parenting Forum NI Strategic Advisory Group

Parenting Forum NI are seeking parents and organisations willing to participate in their Strategic Advisory Group. If you have something to say about parents' issues, and you would like the opportunity to offer your opinion and to make a difference on the issues that are important to parents, then you could be who they are looking for. Individuals who have a little time, a lot of interest, and a willingness to ensure that the voice of parents is heard are needed. Men are especially welcome. click <http://www.pachelp.org/pfsggrp.html> for further information.

~ Courses ~

Parents Anger Management Course

Do you find yourself losing your temper as a parent? Have you ever regretted the way you have acted with your child when angry? Do you find yourself constantly arguing with your child? Are you worried that the way you deal with angry situations is having an effect on your relationship with your child? ... If you would like to learn techniques for managing stress, anger and family conflict then this course may be suitable for you.

All participants will be required to attend a pre-course meeting. The course will take place in the Parents Advice Centre office, Franklin House, 12 Brunswick Street, Belfast. The dates are all Mondays: 17th and 24th September; 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th October; 5th November 2007. Sessions will last from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Cost = £60 (concession rates available). For more information, please contact Andrea on Tel: 02890 310891 or Email: andrea@pachelp.org

Parenting Apart Workshop

This workshop is aimed at parents who have separated, are separating, are divorced or are thinking about divorce. It will provide practical advice and guidance on what children need to know, and what parents can do to meet their needs. All participants will receive a Parenting Apart Handbook. The workshop will take place in the Parents Advice Centre office, 1 & 2 Feeny's Lane, Dungannon on Tuesday 18th September from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. Cost = Free. To register, please contact Bernie on Tel: 02887 753630 or Email: bernie@pachelp.org

Managing Children's Challenging Behaviour Workshop

This workshop gives parents the opportunity to learn new ways of managing challenging behaviour and of communicating with their children. The workshop is suitable for anyone who is in a parenting role with children of any age. All participants will receive a Managing Children's Challenging Behaviour Workbook. The workshop will take place in the Parents Advice Centre office, Franklin House, 12 Brunswick Street, Belfast on Thursday 20th September from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. Cost = £15. To register, please contact Andrea on Tel: 02890 310891 or Email: andrea@pachelp.org

Handling Teenagers Course

This six week course is ideal for parents of young people aged 12 to 18 years, and covers a range of themes including: problem solving, communicating with your teen, understanding teenage behaviour, handling conflict, managing boundaries, and talking to teens about tough issues.

The course will take part in the Parents Advice Centre office, 65 Clarendon Street, Derry on Thursdays: 20th and 27th September, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October 2007. Sessions

last from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Cost = £40 (concession rates available). To register, please contact Christine on Tel: 02871 372006 or Email: christine@pachelp.org

Helpline Volunteers Preparation Courses

Parents Advice Centre is recruiting Helpline Volunteers to provide telephone and face-to-face support to people coping with family difficulties. To be considered, you must have substantial parenting experience and/or significant experience of working with families, children and young people. If you can make a commitment of at least 4 hours a week, we will provide accredited training, ongoing support and real challenge. Male applicants are especially welcome!

Derry and Dungannon courses commence October 2007
Belfast and Ballymena courses commence early 2008

For more information and an application pack, please contact Andrea on Tel: 02890 310891 or Email: andrea@pachelp.org

~ On the Web ~

[Men 'face pressure to look good'](#)

[Gay "ordeal" before and after law](#)

[Fear 'makes men shun cancer help'](#)

[See what happens on a day out](#)

[Cloned sperm created in the lab](#)

[Disabled zone painted round car](#)

[Male teachers 'help boys behave'](#)

~ Website of the Month ~

[Getting the Blokes on Board](#)

Involving fathers and male carers in reading with their children

**HEY! What are you up to in September?
Let me know about it to be included in the next edition!**

Email: trisha@mensproject.org

The Men's Project: We are currently updating our online directory of organisations which offer support or services to men. If you would like to update your existing entry, or would like to be registered on it, please click here for details:

<http://www.mensproject.org/mendir/index.html>

Note to readers:

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our mailing list, or you wish to be removed, or you have any news you want included, please email me at: trisha@mensproject.org

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