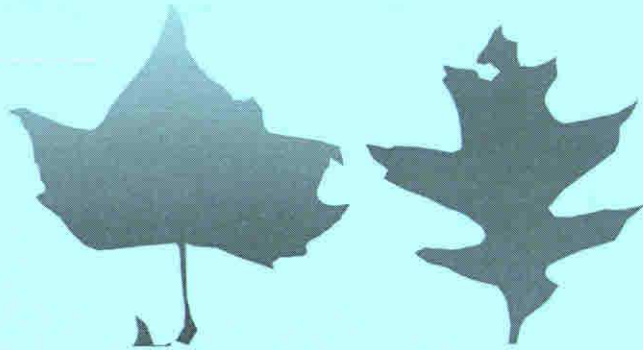
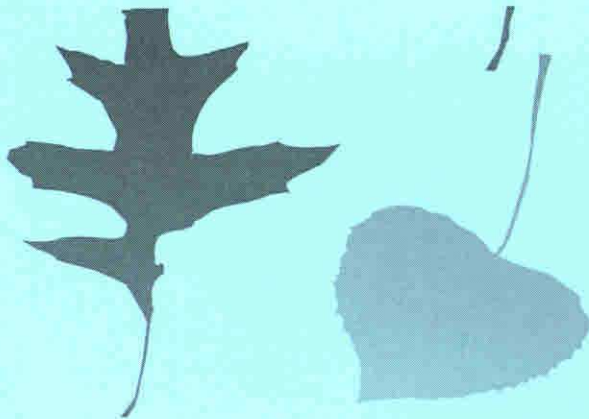


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## Annual General Meeting

### Make sure EO represents YOU!

**Crucial changes to EO's structure are being proposed – please read and take action to insure you have an input to EO's future.**

The Agenda, forms and other information are included within this newsletter, with draft accounts as a central pull-out section. Draft Minutes of the previous AGM are available in the 'Members Home' area of the EO website, where names and statements of prospective trustees will be posted after close of nominations (17<sup>th</sup> October). Proxy forms may be submitted beforehand, and your Proxy instructed separately prior to the meeting. This gives only 4 days for members to consider the information, but is in accordance with our current governing documents.

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**Trustees hope that as many Members as possible will attend the AGM in person.**

## Could YOU consider becoming a trustee?

It can be as much or as little work as you decide. The main thing to consider about it is taking a share in the legal responsibility for decision making in EO. Council members (trustees) make sure that the decisions taken help to fulfil our official aims, are within our ethos and within our legal parameters as a charitable company.

Some trustees just meet the above responsibility, which is fine. Others also do a lot of actual EO jobs, and right now we really need trustees who would be able to devote some time to the administrative work needed to keep the organisation running. The qualities you need are a commitment to the freedom to home educate, honesty, patience, the capacity for clear thinking and hearing different views; and it helps if you have the knack of making a molehill out of a mountain!

If you think that's you, and you value the existence of EO as a mutual support network, then it's recommended! *You can learn a lot too* – after a term on the council and having home educated your children you can do anything!

The necessary forms are included in this newsletter and available in the 'Members Home' area of the website; further information may be requested from [trustees@educationotherwise.org](mailto:trustees@educationotherwise.org) or any trustee.

We also have a number of opportunities to join EO as a volunteer. Again, no previous experience or special skills are needed for most of these roles – though you do need to be an EO member and to have experience of home education. Appropriate training and support will be provided and all reasonable expenses reimbursed. Roles can generally be tailored to suit the time you have available and volunteering is a great way to give something back to the home education community and to help other families in their HE journey.

In addition, EO volunteers are entitled to discounted membership rates on renewal and travel expenses for attending general meetings (including AGM).

If you would like to know more about volunteering or please contact [trustees@educationotherwise.org](mailto:trustees@educationotherwise.org) or any individual trustee.

## This is *Your* Newsletter

So please contribute to it, to make sure it reflects your interests! Sorry it's a bit squashed this time – there was a lot to get in! *Anne, June 2016*

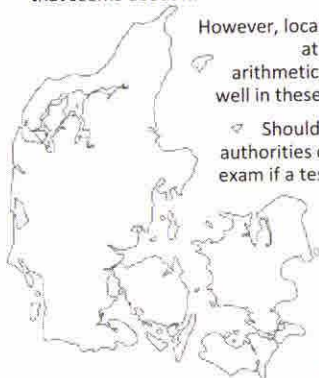
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## Home Education Around the World: Denmark

By Corinna Spellerberg

School education in Denmark is supposed to last for nine years overall, but the typical age bracket from 6 to 15 is not actually stated in the law, so there might be some leeway there. Parents have the right to decide where their children's education is received (either at a state school, a private school or at home), making home education factually legal! The only condition that the state asks for is that a certain minimum level of education is obtained. To start off on the home education journey, parents have to write a letter and/or fill in a form for the council, but that seems about it.



However, local councils have the duty to make sure that education conforms to what happens at school, so there is an annual exam covering certain basic subjects: Danish, arithmetic/mathematics, English, history/social studies and science. If a child does not do well in these, there is the chance of a resit after three months.

Should the test prove that education is adequate, the family will not be bothered by authorities during the school year. Students will also have the chance to sit the final school exam if a test shows they are up for it.

While there are not too many obstacles in this liberal country for parents to home educate, there is also no financial support available. The numbers of home educating families seem to be low (250 – 1% of students), bearing in mind that with five million inhabitants overall (London has eight million), it is not particularly densely populated.

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Websites and sources:

- <http://www.hslda.org/hs/international/denmark/default.asp> (Christian organisation that offers legal advice and help. The website usually also has some newspaper articles, but for Denmark there is currently nothing)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeschooling\\_international\\_status\\_and\\_statistics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeschooling_international_status_and_statistics)
- <http://hjemmeundervisning.dk/> (in Danish, but you could use Chrome and Google Translate)
- <http://www.xn--frilring-m0a.dk/> (in Danish, use Chrome and Google Translate for an overview; site has an open forum, but for more content you have to sign up)
- <https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=125969> (the exact wording of the laws can be found here in English)



### Foraging ~ Autumn

Always a busy time – lots of crops from the garden – but what a wonderful year for berries! If you can buy a good foraging book it helps, and never pick and eat anything you are not sure of.

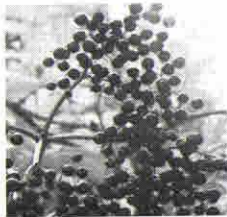


#### Rowan or Mountain Ash *Sorbus aucuparia* L.

Early peoples had many uses for Rowan tress, and also believed that they had a powerful spiritual presence. My trees are full of berries this year; you can use the berries to make jellies and syrups, but they must be cooked and not eaten raw.

#### Elder *Sambucus nigra*

This is a beautiful giving tree, as you can use the flowers as well as the berries. The berries are really high in Vitamin C and can be used to treat colds and 'flu. If you make a syrup you can drink some every day to keep a cold away.



#### Hawthorn *Crateagus Oxycanthus*

You can eat the leaves when they are young and use the berries to make a syrup; again these are full of vitamin C to ward off colds. I made this last year and drank a glass every day. It has also been used as a herbal medicine for heart conditions since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

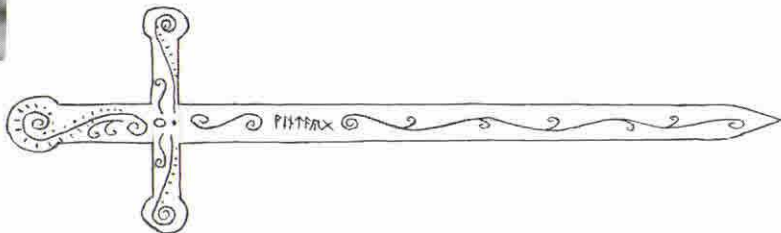
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### Blackberry *Rubus fruticosus*

There are loads of ways to use blackberries; they can be eaten raw or cooked into jams and pies, or made into wine. I have even used berries to dye some fabric. They also make good syrups, vinegars and teas. But they may become mushy due to flies feeding on them later in the year.

*Carol & Amber, Dyfed*



I carved this sword out of a bit of wood and did wood burning on it, then stuck a bit of sea glass on in the middle. The writing on it is dragon writing and it says 'wintayg', which means strong. I got third prize in the village show

*Amber, age 13*



### Musings of a Permanently Frazzled Mummy: The grass isn't always greener

It's been quite a rollercoaster of a summer here in the permanently frazzled household, and I'm not just talking about the experience of navigating some rather mountainous areas in Wales.

It all started off very positively, with a trip back to our old haunt of Nottingham for the Splendour festival. Bags were packed in record time, all the camping equipment fitted perfectly into our increasingly rickety trailer, and we'd even given our car a bit of TLC in honour of the occasion, which was in aid of celebrating our eldest becoming a teenager. He was in a celebratory mood; I was feeling a little more sombre that my 1<sup>st</sup> baby had reached such a milestone and that I was now officially old enough to have a teen in the house.

The weather was a perfect, summery July day and we even made it out the house on time. It was all going swimmingly until about 8 miles before we reached the campsite in Sherwood Forest, which was to be our home for the next 5 nights. Our trusty Touran suddenly gave up the ghost, right on a sharp bend on a fast country road. Roll forward a few hours, and we'd made friends with a helpful, local Police Officer who did a great show directing the traffic around our poorly vehicle, the kids had had great fun racing around in a neighbouring cornfield to keep them away from the road, and we'd been flat-bedded to our campsite and made quite a stir on arrival.



The following day was the festival: one of the hottest days of the year so far, no cloud cover, and no trees to shelter under, so we sweated along with 23000 others and grew rapidly pinker, despite being slathered in factor 50, and boogied away the day to Jamie Lawson, UB40, The Human League, and the amazing

Stiff Little Fingers (hubby's favourite band of the day). I must admit some of us became a tad excited when the headline act, Jess Glynne, finally appeared on stage; for an hour or so, the old, wild abandonment from 4 misspent years at uni resurfaced, and much making merry ensued - only this time, without being fuelled by alcohol. Needless to say, the ragamuffins were rather surprised and more than a little embarrassed at us oldies letting our hair down, especially when my old finger-twirling moves began, but hey, I had a great time - you're never too old to party.

Back down to earth with a sudden bump the following day when the lovely RAC engineer who came to fix our car onsite, informed us that it wasn't the fuel pump as the previous mechanic had told us, but was in fact, the cam-belt. Our poorly Touran was now firmly on her way to VW heaven, and we were stuck miles from home, on a campsite without a nearby bus route, a huge tent, and 4 ragamuffins to look after. If I hadn't been so exhausted from dancing the night away to Miss Glynne the previous evening, I would probably have had a

breakdown at that point, but I really didn't have the energy to raise even so much as a stressed eyebrow. Those of you who know me, know that we've had more than our fair share of car problems over the years, so I have perhaps become a little immune to car-tastrophe....

Many pounds later spent on hiring cars, and after a long and rather anxious hour spent on the phone to our bank, and we were the proud owners of a new VW. This time, a white Caddy maxi (no, I'd never heard of it before either) which had the pre-requisite 7 seats and much more boot space than the Touran so we were 6 happy bunnies, albeit 6 happy bunnies with a very unhealthy bank balance. Unfortunately, the Caddy Maxi, now called Casper for short, (I was plumping for Vera cus I liked the alliteration, but the rest of the gang preferred the more pedestrian choice of Casper because it's white like the ghost!) wouldn't be ready in time for us to head off to Pembrokeshire for our planned seaside camping trip. But we were, by some miracle, able to find what must have been the last available cottage in mid Wales that slept 6 and didn't allow animals, so we were off to Wales after all.

What first struck us about Rhayader was how damp it was. The clouds didn't even think of separating and allowing some blue sky through until at least midday each day. The beauty of the area was undeniable, but I couldn't help but feel that the holiday was, for me at least, a bit of a damp squid. We couldn't possibly move there, I informed hubby: I would never be able to hang my washing out to dry (and speaking as someone who does 2-3 loads a day that seemed like a major catastrophe). The lovely next-door neighbour to our holiday cottage told me her approach was to hang the washing out and leave it out until it was dry - sometimes this would take 3 days, sometimes as long as a week - and I'm afraid this revelation sent me racing for my asthma spray. We did head down to a little village hall near Hay-on-Wye to meet a home-ed group there (Hi guys!) and received such a lovely warm welcome that I did faintly reconsider my hasty decision, but when the group told me that the nearest home-educated teens were over an hour away in Hereford, I'm afraid the deal was done. Rhayader, and its beautiful greenery, were well and truly crossed off the list. We would NOT be moving to mid Wales.



Such was my disappointment and SAD-like symptoms (is it possible to suffer from SAD in the summer?) that I begged hubby to drive us home and forgo our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the holiday, but like all sensible men with slightly frazzled wives, he talked me round and promised it would all end well.

I must admit that for a day or two after arriving at our holiday cottage near Aberdyfi, I didn't believe him one iota. Again, those who know me will be aware of my ongoing, daily skirmish with OCD. Now I don't suffer to the extent that I can't get out of the house, but I do have a strong need for all surfaces to be clean and sticky-free. Wherein lay the problem with the cottage: the owner, although very sweet and welcoming, could obviously no longer reach, and perhaps no longer see, the eight-legged freaks that had completely taken over the lovely, old farmhouse. Cue hubby attacking the walls and ceilings with the long-hosed Hoover just so that I had a chance of getting some sleep whilst we were there. It didn't help that I had packed for our typical summer camping trip to Norfolk: lots of shorts and t-shirts, and only one little fleece for when the temperature dropped below the seasonable 24 degrees in the evenings (oh, how I was missing Norfolk!)

Now I know I'm meant to have a brain cell, and be able to use it once in a while, but it genuinely hadn't occurred to me that Wales might be so gloriously green due to its annual precipitation, all year round, including during the month of August. (I know some of you will now be wondering whether I should be allowed to home-ed my gang, with such an obvious lack of basic intelligence, and I must say, there are times when I wonder this myself.) So there I was, being forced to wander round shivering in my new denim shorts, incidentally the first shorts I'd been brave enough to wear outside the house since about the age of 14, feeling damp and miserable, and counting down the days until I could go home.



Until we visited Aberystwyth, that is. Aber, as the locals like to call it, seems to have a micro climate of its own going on, rather similar to Norfolk, so we finally had chance to throw off our fleeces and try to regain the healthy glow our skin had had before shivering in Rhayader the week before. I found that Aber had a wonderfully relaxed student feel (I'd actually applied to do my degree there many years ago, but had

lost my place due to abysmal A-level results), a number of interesting independent shops, and enough high-street stores to keep me happy. The locals didn't seem to mind the interrogation that I couldn't help but foist upon them, and I even ended up with several email addresses and offers of help if we decided to move to the area.

Several days later, having spent more time in Aber, and numerous hours in the car investigating the surrounding villages with swathes of estate agent pamphlets in hand, I was beginning to feel that perhaps a move to Ceredigion was back on the agenda after all. The cherry on the cake was meeting a lovely home-ed lady and her daughter, who had moved from our home region just the year before, who reassured me that there were some teens in the area, that the local home-ed community were incredibly friendly, and who offered to be our resident Kirstie Allsopp.

Hubby had recognised a dramatic lift in my mood as soon as we were near the coast, although it had taken me several days longer to recognise this, and even our child who's most reluctant to move had started to comment that if we moved to Wales, he could do this, go there, do that. The other three would have stayed in Wales there and then if they could, and were enjoying poring over property details and 'bagsyng' this bedroom or that one.

I'm not allowed to write any more about the amazing coastline, the ambient weather, the welcoming locals, the scrummy fish and chips; because hubby is worried that everyone will want to relocate to Wales, which will push house prices up out of our reach. But what I am allowed to say is that we have some serious thinking to do. We need to consider whether leaving everything that we know, and everyone we care about, is worth the upheaval of moving ourselves a few hundred miles away.



Life is too short to make mistakes that could have potentially serious consequences for our family, but it's also too short not to summon the strength to take the odd risk that just may pay-off. It's not going to be an easy decision to make; after all, the grass isn't always greener.

Except, in Wales, it probably is.

*Name and address supplied.*



## EO SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) News

**Continuing our theme for those who are new to home education (or thinking about it) due to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.**

### ***Pupil Referral Units***

Whilst going through the difficulties in a School, which could be making us look at alternative options, including other schools and Home Education, it may come as a surprise to be contacted about attending a pupil referral unit. Due to the fact that the Local Education Authority has obligations to educate all children who are deemed to have a SEN (statement or educational health and care plan), they may ask you and your child to go to a PRU. You can decline the invitation if you know your rights but often after a stressful time and moving into something new, we can be vulnerable. Section 19, part 2, of the 1996 Education Act shows that obviously, a PRU is not a special school (where your parental rights are limited) and so therefore, you have the same rights as with other schools to decline or deregister:

PRUs are somewhere between a mainstream school and a special needs school. Children who are seen to be challenging in some way for a mainstream school, due to behavioural problems or SEN and Disabilities, can 'be brought back on an even keel' and reintroduced in to mainstream schools. A PRU's strategies (which could include the 'common code of misbehaviour will be punished' and 'if a pupil refuses to come to school', a

teacher 'has been known to go to their home to see what's up') could appear to be totally inappropriate for a sensitive child who has suffered already, by trying to do the school style education approach.

If the PRU invitation is accepted, the parents may feel that they and their child are being punished or let down by the education system again. Especially if the new classes involve 'the most troubled and disruptive of pupils'; even if the Ofsted ratings for some PRUs are higher than their mainstream counterparts.

### **SEND in the news**

As reported in October 2015 by *The Independent*, PRUs are now increasingly having to be used more, due to reductions in youth services, youth offending teams, preventative services in social care, counselling, family therapy, etc.

However, a recent poll by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers also suggests that many children with special educational needs or disabilities are now no longer eligible for Government funding or support. The poll of education staff in state schools indicated that some pupils were being failed: 70.7% in the poll, thought that the new SEN system was not finding those who needed the help quickly enough. Children whose needs are now seen to be easier to manage – such as dyslexia or dyspraxia – do not get the straightforward help, as they did before.

Concerning quotes related to the poll include:

*'Almost half (48.6%) said they had been unable to access the support and training they needed to meet their pupils' needs'.*

*'As many as 200,000 previously identified as having special needs were not transferred into the new system, says the union'.*

*'Too many children are slipping through the net completely'.*

The Government's statement at the start of the SEND changes, 'a landmark moment', does not appear to be seen as a *positive* moment by those who work to support and educate children with SEND.

**If you would like to get involved with EO SEND, please contact: [sendco@educationotherwise.org](mailto:sendco@educationotherwise.org)**

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*Child law advice (including PRUs):* <http://childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/school-exclusion/>

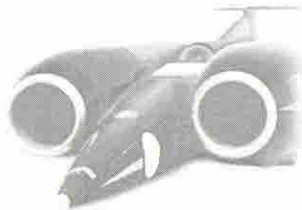
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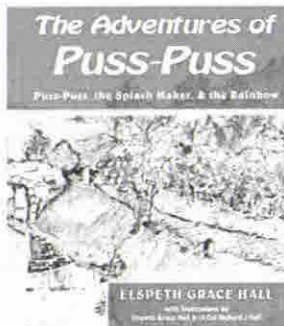
*Education Act 1996:* <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/section/19>

*Have you booked your FREE RIDE on the THRUST SUPERSONIC CAR SIMULATOR at Coventry Transport Museum? (normal cost £5/3.50). EO Members (and their families - but see age/height limits) attending the AGM may claim this, but bookings must be made in advance, so please let us know if you wish to take advantage of this offer. SPACES ARE LIMITED - MAKE SURE YOU RESERVE YOURS!*



## Book Reviews

Hi everyone. We have continued with the nature theme this issue with some lovely animal nature books together with a book about home-educating with a focus on nature



*The Adventures of Puss-Puss – Puss Puss, the Splash Maker, & the Rainbow*  
Elspeth Grace Hall Lioness Publishing ISBN 9781910853115  
£3.50-£6.99 Amazon

This is a wonderful 22-page story about the adventures of a playful kitten called Puss Puss on a canal bank. She meets new friends including a bat called Gentleman Bat, a hedgehog, heron and a magic frog and together they search for the 'splashes' in the canal and the end of a rainbow. The book is illustrated with lovely hand sketches. A lovely story for bed-time!

There are two other books in this series –

*Adventures of Puss-Puss: Puss Puss and the Curly Tailed Gnomes, the Echo, the Snow Bunny, & the Quarry Ball [Volume 2]* and

*Puss-Puss, The Red, the Selki, the Tunneling Hump, Happy Hibernation, Sprung & the Final Adventure [Volume 3.]*

### Janet The Robin Saves Shawn

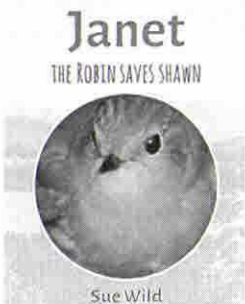
Review by Grace

Sue Wild Amazon ISBN 9781532995521 Kindle £2.99 or £5.99

This story is set in a garden. The main characters are robins called Janet and Shawn and a man called Adam. When Janet and Shawn build a nest, Shawn gets caught by a cat. Adam the gardener saves him and lets them build the nest inside his home.

I liked the story because it is a heart-warming story that will capture your heart.

This is part of a wildlife series of books from home educator Sue Wild including *Snuggles the Doormouse Who Lived in A Sock; Zack the Stag Beetle's Busy Day; Ashley the Naughty Grey Squirrel, and Bumble the Bumblebee's Strange Day*. The books all have wonderful, vibrant pictures throughout that inspire 'awws' all the way through to the end. The text is a large font and the books provide a number of facts about each animal as each story progresses. Lovely stories for younger children. 10% of the profits are donated to wildlife charities.



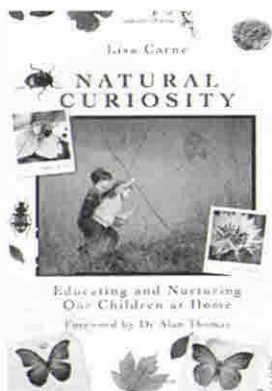
### Natural Curiosity – Educating and Nurturing Our Children at Home

Lisa Carne

Jessica Kingsley Publishers

ISBN 9781785920332

Amazon £10.74



This book follows the Carne family's educational journey from young pre-schoolers at home, through a brief period at school, followed by being educated at home again. The focus is on 'Nurturing through Nature' and how children's natural curiosity in nature and natural history can provide the foundations for 'unschooled' learning and an 'EPIC' education – Explore, Ponder, Imagine and Create. Throughout the book there are examples and distractions – things that the children are doing – that illustrate the points being made about the importance of nature in education and to stimulate learning. The author explains the reasons for the children going to and leaving school well and gives real examples of how they have provided an environment for learning in contrast to target-driven classrooms, showing how simple questions such as, 'What is colour?' or, 'What's a rip current?' have stimulated learning. The book describes days enacting being a Viking or an animal for the day; observing nature in the garden and visiting museums and other historical places to cultivate learning. The latter part of the book gives some information on famous naturalists such as Beatrix Potter and Ian Fleming, together with some parenting wisdoms. My favourite chapter was 'The Dead Zoo and Other Curiosities' which describes lots of practical examples of creativity such as creating a cake for International Sloth Day, building historical buildings on Minecraft and discovering all about squid from the local supermarket fish counter. In summary, this is a good book that combines the story of one family's home-education journey with nature together with many practical examples to inspire others to do the same.

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## EDUCATION OTHERWISE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### Make Sure You Have a Vote at EO General Meetings

Only Signed-up Members are entitled to vote at EO General Meetings. These include Annual General Meetings (AGMs) where Trustees are elected, and Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) which may take place between AGMs. Even if you are unable to attend a meeting yourself, you can still have a vote by appointing a proxy to vote on your behalf.

*N.B. Please Complete Form in BLOCK CAPITALS and sign both sections*

I (FULL NAME) ..... Membership Number\*.....

of Home Address (print in full): .....

..... Postcode: .....

wish to become a guarantor (Signed-up Member) of Education Otherwise Association Limited ('the Association').

I confirm that I am over the age of 18 and a paid-up family member of the Association. In the event of the Association being wound up I agree to contribute up to £10 in payment of any debts and liabilities it may have incurred.

I understand that the details I give on this form will be entered on to the Association's Register of Members and that under the Companies Act 2006 it is possible for someone to request sight of or a copy of this Register for a proper purpose. The Association may then disclose the details on this form.

I further understand that in the event of my ceasing to be a paid-up family member of Education Otherwise, or if at any time I resign as a SUM by written notification to EO's correspondence address, I will cease to be a guarantor and Signed-Up Member of the Association one year later.

Signed: ..... Date .....

### Communications by email

I consent to Education Otherwise sending or supplying any document or information (including any notice) to me using electronic means. My email address for this purpose is:

Email address (please print clearly): .....

Signed: ..... Date .....

Education Otherwise will continue to send any correspondence related to your Signed-up Membership to the email or postal address given on this SUM form until the Association is advised in writing by the SUM of resignation or that the address on the Register of Members should be changed. Such changes should be notified to Education Otherwise SUMs, at EO's Registered Office Address (check current with website).

Please return this form as soon as possible to: **EO SUMs**, Bridgend, Meadow Lane, Swaffham, PE37 8LE

*\* If known – N.B. Membership number is shown next to your name on NL address slip*



# TRUSTEE PROPOSAL/ACCEPTANCE FORM

## Education Otherwise Association Limited

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016, Coventry Transport Museum, CV1 1JD

Signed-Up Members (i.e. guarantors) of EO may propose a candidate (who must also be SUM/guarantor) for election as a Trustee.

Written notice from the proposer, signed consent from the candidate  
And statement of EO and other experience from candidate  
must *all* reach

EO Trustees, Bridgend, Meadow Lane, Swaffham, PE37 8LE  
no later than **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Name of Proposing Member (please print clearly): .....

Address.....

Email: ..... Memb No\* .....

I, being a Signed Up member of Education Otherwise Association Limited, hereby propose

Name of Candidate (please print clearly): .....  
who is also a Signed up Member of EO Assoc. Ltd.

of address .....

for election as a Trustee of Education Otherwise Association Ltd.

Date: ..... Signed: .....

===== section below for completion by candidate =====  
(can be on separate form)

I hereby confirm that I am a Signed Up Member of Education Otherwise Association Ltd.  
I accept the nomination and am willing to stand as a Trustee.

Name of Candidate (please print clearly): .....

Address.....

Email: ..... Memb No\*:.....

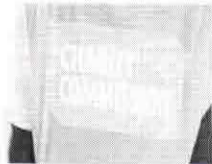
Date: ..... Signed: .....

*\*N.B. EO Membership Number is printed on address label of newsletter*

**Return form to: EO Trustees, Bridgend, Meadow Lane, Swaffham, PE37 8LE by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

*Nominee: please provide a brief statement of your EO and other relevant experience, to be circulated to members and/or read out at meeting. This may be sent separately by email, to trustees@educationotherwise.org*





|  |                   |            |                                      |              |
|--|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Education Otherwise Association Ltd                                |                   | Charity No | 1055120                              | <b>CC17a</b> |
| A charitable company limited by guarantee. Company number 01917107 |                   |            |                                      |              |
| <b>Annual accounts for the period</b>                              |                   |            |                                      |              |
| Period start date  | <b>01/07/2015</b> | <b>To</b>  | Period end date<br><b>30/06/2016</b> |              |

## Section A Statement of financial activities

| Recommended categories by activity                   | Details of own analysis | Note | Restricted              |                   |                      | Total this year<br>£ | Total last year<br>£ |
|--|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  |                         |      | Unrestricted funds<br>£ | income funds<br>£ | Endowment funds<br>£ |                      |                      |
|  |                         |      | F01                     | F02               | F03                  | F04                  | F05                  |
| <b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>                   |                         |      |                         |                   |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>       |                         |      | -                       | -                 | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| Voluntary income                                     |                         | S01  | 1,266                   | -                 | -                    | 1,266                | -                    |
| Activities for generating funds                      |                         | S02  | 12,007                  | -                 | -                    | 12,007               | 15,398               |
| Investment income                                    |                         | S03  | 186                     | -                 | -                    | 186                  | 194                  |
| <b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b> |                         | S04  | -                       | -                 | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| <b>Other incoming resources</b>                      |                         | S05  | -                       | -                 | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                      |                         | S06  | <b>13,459</b>           | -                 | -                    | <b>13,459</b>        | <b>15,592</b>        |

### Resources expended (Notes 4-8)

|                                      |  |     |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>     |  |     | - | - | - | - | - |
| Costs of generating voluntary income |  | S07 | - | - | - | - | - |

EDUCATION OTHERWISE ASSOCIATION LIMITED  
Company Limited by Guarantee

**Section B**

**Balance sheet**

|  |  | Note | Restricted                     |                          |                             | Total this year<br>£<br>F04 | Total last year<br>£<br>F05 |
|--|--|------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  |  |      | Unrestricted funds<br>£<br>F01 | income funds<br>£<br>F02 | Endowment funds<br>£<br>F03 |                             |                             |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |  |      |                                |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Tangible assets                                | (Note 9)                                     | B01  | -                              | -                        | -                           | -                           |                             |
|  |  | B02  | -                              | -                        | -                           | -                           |                             |
| Investments                                    | (Note 10)                                    | B03  | -                              | -                        | -                           | -                           |                             |
|  | <i>Total fixed assets</i>                    | B04  | -                              | -                        | -                           | -                           |                             |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |  |      |                                |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Stock and work in progress                     |  | B05  | -                              | -                        | -                           | -                           |                             |
| Debtors  | (Note 11)                                    | B06  | -                              | -                        | -                           | -                           |                             |
| (Short term) investments                       |  | B07  | -                              | -                        | -                           | -                           |                             |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |  | B08  | 40,139                         | -                        | -                           | 37,837                      |                             |
|  | <i>Total current assets</i>                  | B09  | 40,139                         | -                        | -                           | 37,837                      |                             |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (Note 12)                                    | B10  | 3,095                          | -                        | -                           | 714                         |                             |
|  | <i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>      | B11  | 37,044                         | -                        | -                           | 37,123                      |                             |
|  | <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i> | B12  | 37,044                         | -                        | -                           | 37,123                      |                             |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after one year  | (Note 12)                                    | B13  | -                              | -                        | -                           | -                           |                             |

**Note 1 Basis of preparation****1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards
- and with the Charities Act and the Companies Act

**1.2 Change in basis of accounting**

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year except that donations paid at the same time as membership fees have been recorded as a separate entry rather than amalgamated.

**1.3 Cash Flow Statement**

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small

**1.4 Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items

**1.5 Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectivity of the charity

Designated funds are earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes

## Note 2

## Accounting policies

**INCOMING RESOURCES****Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Incoming resources with related expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

**Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

**Tax reclaims on donations and gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate (The charity is not currently claiming Gift Aid)

**Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

**Gifts in kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

**Donated services and facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or

## Note 3

## Analysis of incoming resources

|  | Analysis   | This year<br>£ | Last year<br>£ |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Voluntary income</b>                    | Donations in addition to subscription fee  | 1,266          | -              |
|  | (note these donations were included in<br>subscription income in previous years) | -              | -              |
|  |  | -              | -              |
|  |  | -              | -              |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,266</b>   | <b>-</b>       |
| <b>Activities for generating<br/>funds</b> | membership subscriptions   | 11,557         | -              |
|  | insurance subscriptions  | 450            | -              |
|  | total subscriptions  | -              | 15,235         |
|  | sale of publications   | -              | 132            |
|  | Miscellaneous income   | -              | 31             |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>12,007</b>  | <b>15,398</b>  |
| <b>Investment income</b>                   | Bank Interest  | 186            | 194            |
|  |  | -              | -              |
|  |  | -              | -              |
|  |  | -              | -              |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>186</b>     | <b>194</b>     |

**Note 4 Analysis of resources expended**

|                              | Analysis                               | This year<br>£ | Last year<br>£ |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Charitable activities</b> | Newsletter printing and postage costs  | 7,296          | 12,900         |
|                              | Office costs                           | 1,254          | 536            |
|                              | Advertising and Promotion              | 44             | 205            |
|                              | Insurance                              | 870            | 765            |
|                              | Communications                         | 497            | 398            |
|                              | Trustees and Volunteer Expenses        | 1,813          | 1,987          |
|                              | Room Hire for AGM                      | 380            | 291            |
|                              | Bank Charges                           | 120            | 120            |
|                              | Merchant Charges                       | 514            | 122            |
|                              | Sundry Expenses                        |                | 113            |
|                              | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>12,788</b>  | <b>17,437</b>  |
| <b>Governance costs</b>      | Independent Examination Fees           | 750            | 714            |
|                              | (note current year's fee is estimated) | -              | -              |
|                              |  | -              | -              |
|                              |  | -              | -              |
|                              | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>750</b>     | <b>714</b>     |

**Note 5 Support Costs**

|               | Fundraising activity<br>£ | Charitable Activity<br>£ | Governance<br>Activity<br>£ | Total Cost<br>£ |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Support costs |                           |                          |                             |                 |

**Note 6**                      **Details of certain items of expenditure**

**6.1 Trustee expenses**

*Trustee Expenses during the year related to*

|                          | This year   | Last year   |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Food                     | 31          | 0           |
| Hotel                    | 83          | 73          |
| Travel                   | 1306        | 1914        |
| Other                    | 226         | 0           |
| <b>Total amount paid</b> | <b>1646</b> | <b>1987</b> |

**6.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

|   | This year<br>£ | Last year<br>£ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts  | 750            | 714            |
| Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor | 0              | 0              |

**Note 7**                      **Paid employees**

**7.1 Staff Costs**

|  | This year<br>£ | Last year<br>£ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind |                |                |

## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

(cont)

**Note 11 Debtors and prepayments***Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.***Analysis of debtors**

Trade debtors  
 Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings  
 Other debtors  
 Prepayments and accrued income

**Total**

| Amounts falling due within one year |                | Amounts falling due after more than one year |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| This year<br>£                      | Last year<br>£ | This year<br>£                               | Last year<br>£ |
| -                                   | -              | -  | -              |
| -                                   | -              | -  | -              |
| -                                   | -              | -  | -              |
| -                                   | -              | -  | -              |
| -                                   | -              | -  | -              |

**Note 12 Creditors and accruals***Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.***12.1 Analysis of creditors**

Loans and overdrafts  
 Trade creditors  
 Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings  
 Other creditors  
 Accruals and deferred income

**Total**

| Amounts falling due within one year |                | Amounts falling due after more than one year |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| This year<br>£                      | Last year<br>£ | This year<br>£                               | Last year<br>£ |
| -                                   | -              | -  | -              |
| 2,345                               | -              | -  | -              |
| -                                   | -              | -  | -              |
| 750                                 | 714            | -  | -              |
| -                                   | -              | -  | -              |
| 3,095                               | 714            | -  | -              |

**Note 13 Endowment and restricted income funds***The charity did not hold any endowment or restricted funds during the applicable period***Note 14 Unrestricted Income Funds**

|              |          |               |
|--------------|----------|---------------|
| Balance at 1 | Incoming | Balance at 30 |
|--------------|----------|---------------|

|               |       |      |       |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|
| General Funds | £     | £    | £     |
|               | 37123 | 3016 | 40139 |

**Note 15**

**Analysis of net assets between funds**

|                           | Tangible fixed assets | Net current assets / (liabilities) | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
|                           | £                     | £                                  | £     |
| Unrestricted Income Funds | 0                     | 40139                              | 40139 |

**Note 16**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

Every Member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association, in the event of the same being wound up while he is a member, or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

**Note 17**

**Cash at Bank**

Cash at Bank was split between the following accounts

Triodos Current  
 Triodos Development (Closed)  
 Triodos Reserve  
 Unity Trust Current  
 Unity Trust Reserve

**TOTAL**

| 2016         | 2015         |
|--------------|--------------|
| £            | £            |
| 4099         | 4754         |
|              | 0            |
| 35718        | 33000        |
| 44           | 73           |
| 0            | 10           |
|              |              |
| <b>39861</b> | <b>37837</b> |

Pension costs

Total staff costs

|   |   |
|---|---|
| - | - |
| - | - |

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

|                       | This year<br>Number | Last year<br>Number |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Fundraising           | -                   | -                   |
| Charitable Activities | -                   | -                   |
| Governance            | -                   | -                   |
| Other                 | -                   | -                   |
| Total                 | -                   | -                   |

Note 8

Grantmaking

*The charity did not make any grants during the applicable period*

Note 9

Tangible fixed assets

*The charity has not held any tangible fixed assets during the applicable period*

Note 10

Investment assets

*The charity has not held any investment assets during the applicable time*

|                                 |  |              |              |               |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| postage costs                   |  |              |              |               |
| Office costs                    |  | 1,254        | -            | 1,254         |
| Advertising and Promotion       |  | 44           | -            | 44            |
| Insurance                       |  | 870          | -            | 870           |
| Communications                  |  | 497          |              | 497           |
| Trustees and Volunteer Expenses |  |              | 1,813        | 1,813         |
| Room Hire for AGM               |  |              | 380          | 380           |
| Bank Charges                    |  |              | 120          | 120           |
| Merchant Charges                |  |              | 514          | 514           |
|                                 |  | -            | -            | -             |
| <b>Total</b>                    |  | <b>9,961</b> | <b>2,827</b> | <b>12,788</b> |

|              |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|
|              | - | - |
|              | - | - |
|              | - | - |
| <b>Total</b> | - | - |

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Volunteer help</b>              | The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.                                   |
| <b>Investment income</b>           | This is included in the accounts when receivable.   |
| <b>Investment gains and losses</b> | This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year. |

## **EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Liability recognition</b>    | Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.   |
| <b>Cost of generating funds</b> | Comprise the costs associated with both the costs of attracting the income and those of providing facilities to generate the income  |
| <b>Charitable Expenditure</b>   | Comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and the costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. |
| <b>Governance cost</b>          | Includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked with the strategic management of the charity   |

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

**Funds of the Charity**  
**Unrestricted funds at bank**

PayPal Account

**Restricted income funds (Note 13)**

**Endowment funds (Note 13)**

**Net assets**

**Total funds**

B15

B16

B17

B18

B19

B20

|               |   |   |               |               |
|---------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|
| <b>37,044</b> | - | - | <b>37,044</b> | <b>37,123</b> |
| 39,861        |   |   | 39,861        | 37,837        |
| 278           |   |   | 278           | -             |
|               | - |   | -             | -             |
|               |   | - | -             | -             |
| <b>40,139</b> | - | - | <b>40,139</b> | <b>37,837</b> |

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476(1) of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (1) ensuring the charity keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the charity.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

|  |             |  |
|--|-------------|--|
|  | Anne Rix    |  |
|  | Tom Crellin |  |

|  |  |     |        |   |   |        |         |
|--|--|-----|--------|---|---|--------|---------|
| Investment management costs  |  | S09 | -      | - | - | -      | -       |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>   |  | S10 | 12,788 | - | - | 12,788 | 17,437  |
| <b>Governance costs</b>  |  | S11 | 750    | - | - | 750    | 714     |
| <b>Other resources expended</b>  |  | S12 | -      | - | - | -      | -       |
| <b><i>Total resources expended</i></b>   |  | S13 | 13,538 | - | - | 13,538 | 18,151  |
| <b><i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</i></b>                       |  | S14 | - 79   | - | - | - 79   | - 2,559 |
| <b>Gross transfers between funds</b>   |  | S15 | -      | - | - | -      | -       |
| <b><i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</i></b> |  | S16 | - 79   | - | - | - 79   | - 2,559 |
| <b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>   |  |     |        |   |   |        |         |
| Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use              |  | S17 | -      | - | - | -      | -       |
| Gains and losses on investment assets  |  | S18 | -      | - | - | -      | -       |
| <b><i>Net movement in funds</i></b>  |  | S19 | - 79   | - | - | - 79   | - 2,559 |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>   |  | S20 | 37,123 | - | - | 37,123 | 39,682  |
| <b><i>Total funds carried forward</i></b>  |  | S21 | 37,044 | - | - | 37,044 | 37,123  |

# PROXY FORM

## Education otherwise Association Limited – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 at Coventry Transport Museum, Millenium Place, Hales Street, CV1 1JD

### Form of Proxy (For Signed Up Members not attending the AGM)

**N.B. See the notes and instructions overleaf before completing this form.**

Please return this form of proxy as soon as possible to:

**EO Proxy, Bridgend, Meadow Lane, Swaffham, PE37 8LE** to arrive by **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** if by post.

If your proxy is bringing it to the meeting, the form must be registered by **NOON** (see notes 3 & 4)

*Please note that Proxy Forms CANNOT be sent electronically.*

Name of Member: ..... Memb. No. (if known) .....

Address: .....

Post Code: .....

I, being a Signed Up Member of Education Otherwise Association Limited, hereby appoint  
[ the Chair of the meeting or ] [ the following named adult ] (see notes 1 & 4):

(Name) ..... of address: .....

Post Code: .....

or failing that the following named adult (see notes 1 & 4):

(Name) ..... of address: .....

Post Code: .....

as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of Education Otherwise Association Limited to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 and at every adjournment thereof.

Unless otherwise indicated below, my proxy may exercise their discretion as to how they vote and whether or not they abstain from voting (see note 2).

Date: .....

Signature: .....

### Special Resolutions

#### **Special Resolution 1: Number of Trustees (Council Members)**

**That:** Article 23 shall be amended to read: "23. Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of the members of the Council shall not be less than **six** nor more than **fifteen**."

**And That:** Article 25 shall be amended to read: "25. The Council shall consist of a Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Publications Secretary, Enquiries Secretary and **up to nine** other members."

#### **Special Resolution 2: Restructuring of Education Otherwise**

**That:** in order to reduce costs and bring the charity in line with current Charity Commission best practice, the charity should seek to restructure as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation using the membership model and that the trustees, in conjunction with members who wish to be involved, should therefore prepare a new constitution, retaining the principles, aims and objectives of the existing charity and present this at a General Meeting, along with the appropriate resolutions to complete the restructuring, as soon as reasonably practicable.

Please indicate your desired vote individually for the resolutions by placing an 'X' in the appropriate box.

| No. of Resolution and Detail (see note 2)  | YES | NO | Abstain |
|--|-----|----|---------|
| <b>Special Resolution 1:</b> No. of Council Members [including amendments] [as above only] |     |    |         |
| <b>Special Resolution 2:</b> Restructuring of EO [including amendments] [as above only]    |     |    |         |

Date: .....

Signature: .....

**Election of Trustees** (see note 2)

Please indicate your desired vote individually for each trustee by writing in names and placing an 'X' in the appropriate box. Alternatively you may instruct your proxy separately.

(Names – **which must be received by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - will be posted in the Member Home area of the EO website as soon as possible thereafter, and Chair of Meeting will confirm eligibility on the day)

(Voting slips including all eligible names will be available at the AGM)

| Name of Proposed Trustee | YES | NO | Abstain |
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Date: .....

Signature: .....

**Notes and instructions for Proxy form:**

Note 1

- If you wish the chair of the meeting to act as your proxy, leave these lines blank.
- If you wish to appoint a different proxy, insert the name of your proxy (and alternative proxy) in block capitals.
- If your proxy (or alternative proxy) is unable to attend the meeting, your proxy reverts to the chair unless you delete the words "the chair of the meeting or".

Note 2

- If you wish your proxy to be able to vote as they see fit, taking account of any instructions you may have given, leave this section blank.
- If you wish to instruct your proxy (or the Chair) how to vote, you may EITHER **write** in the names and place an 'X' in the appropriate box, OR provide your proxy with a separate, signed statement of your wishes.
- Names of other candidates will be posted in the 'member home' area of the EO website after closing date.

Note 3

- By completing and returning this form you are not prevented from attending the meeting in person if you later decide to do so. However, your attendance revokes the appointment of proxy. Please note that Signed Up Members wishing to attend the meeting in order to vote must arrive at the venue **by Noon** in order for the registration process to be completed.
- If, after returning a duly completed proxy form, you wish to revoke your proxy appointment you must sign and date a notice clearly stating your intention to revoke that proxy appointment and send it to the address below to arrive by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

Note 4

- You must have returned a completed SUM (Signed Up Members) form to :  
**EO SUMs, Bridgend, Meadow Lane, Swaffham, PE37 8LE by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October if by post,**  
or if in person by **Noon on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at the meeting.



## AGM 2016 NOTICE & AGENDA

### The Annual General Meeting of Education Otherwise Association Ltd

will be held at 2.00 pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

at the Coventry Transport Museum, Millenium Place, Hales Street, Coventry, CV1 1JD

The ordinary business of the AGM is to consider the accounts for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, to appoint auditors/independent examiners and to elect members (trustees/directors) to the Council of Management. The AGM may also consider Special Resolutions.

The minimum number of Council members (trustees) is 8 and the maximum 15. At the time of writing there are 10 in post. Our M&As require that one-third must stand down. Three trustees (Shena Deuchars, Anne Rix and Edwina Theunissen) will retire and are not eligible for re-election, having served for the full term of six years. Kathleen Thompson is also retiring. Three trustees who were co-opted during the year must also stand down but may seek election. Council may propose other candidates.

Signed-Up Members (i.e. guarantors) of EO may also nominate/propose candidates. In this case, written notice from the proposer and signed consent from the candidate/nominee (who must also be a SUM / guarantor) must both reach the  
**EO Trustees, Bridgend, Meadow Lane, Swaffham, PE37 8LE**  
no earlier than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and no later than Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

In the event of a vote at the AGM, guarantors (SUMs) present at the AGM are entitled to take part, provided their EO subscription for family membership is up to date.

If you cannot attend, you may appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf.

#### Agenda for AGM:

1. Minutes of the previous AGM (17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October 2015)
2. Consideration of the accounts for y/e 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016
3. Auditor/Independent Examiner's Remuneration
4. Appointment of Auditor/Independent Examiner
5. **SPECIAL RESOLUTION 1** – *to reduce minimum number of trustees to SIX.*
6. **SPECIAL RESOLUTION 2** – *to consider the possibility of restructuring EO as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, using the membership model.*
7. Election of new Council Members

Please arrive by 1.30 pm as the AGM will start promptly at 2.00 pm.

Forms of proxy MUST be registered by Noon

SUM, Proxy and Nomination/Acceptance forms are included in this NL and will be available on the 'member home' area of the EO website, where other documents will be posted in due course.

Two EO members (aged 18+) per family may become SUMs (and so entitled to vote or to appoint a proxy) by completion of a SUM form each

EO Trustees <trustees@educationotherwise.org>

N.B. During the morning there will be an opportunity to meet and chat with current and prospective trustees as well as other EO members (including Iris Harrison), and a brief formal Trustee Meeting. All EO Members are welcome to attend and contribute to discussion; also at the Open Council/Trustee meeting (with Peter Humphreys) at approx 2.45 (following AGM) to 4pm.

## Special Resolutions

### Special Resolution 1: Number of Trustees (Council Members)

**That:** Article 23 shall be amended to read: *"23. Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of the members of the Council shall not be less than six nor more than fifteen."*

**And That:** Article 25 shall be amended to read: *"25. The Council shall consist of a Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Publications Secretary, Enquiries Secretary and up to nine other members."*

### Special Resolution 2: Restructuring of Education Otherwise

**That:** *in order to reduce costs and bring the charity in line with current Charity Commission best practice, the charity should seek to restructure as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation using the membership model and that the trustees, in conjunction with members who wish to be involved, should therefore prepare a new constitution, retaining the principles, aims and objectives of the existing charity and present this at a General Meeting, along with the appropriate resolutions to complete the restructuring, as soon as reasonably practicable.*

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### **Explanatory Statement on Special Resolutions**

The governing document of EO was last reviewed in 2011. Since then, the law governing charities has changed, the availability of technology has changed and much within EO and home education in general has changed. As such, the trustees felt that the time was right to review the governance of EO. One immediate issue is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find volunteers willing to take on the responsibility of being a trustee and, indeed, we fell below the prescribed minimum number of trustees for quite a few months in 2015/16. Under the current governing document, if we do not have the minimum number of trustees, the council cannot function and this is very damaging to the charity. We are therefore proposing that the current minimum number of eight is reduced to five in order to allow the council to continue to operate even when numbers are below optimum. Changing this minimum number does not change the desired size or make-up of the council and it does not prevent more candidates from standing. The maximum number of trustees will remain unchanged at fifteen.

The other resolution is to begin a process of changing the legal status of EO from the present Company Limited by Guarantee to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The CIO legal status was not available when the governing document was last reviewed (it was introduced in 2013) and so it was not considered at that time. For a charity with a small turnover, such as EO, the new legal structure is much simpler to operate and the governing documents have been designed from the outset to allow the charity to make best use of new technology in the way it conducts itself. Changing the legal status does not change what EO stands for. It does not change our principles or aims and it does not change the services we offer. Members will still have the ultimate say in EO's affairs through voting rights at general meetings and the right to call general meetings, elect trustees and propose resolutions. What the changes do mean is that the trustees will have much simpler and clearer rules to work within and much simpler requirements for reporting to government. This will allow the trustees to spend less time on red tape and more time on actually running the charity.

As part of this resolution, we are proposing to form a working party to create the new governing documents and manage the process of change. We are inviting any interested member of EO to join this working party and have a say in the future of EO. Please let us know if you are interested in joining this team.

*trustees@educationotherwise.org*

## AGM 2016 GUEST OF HONOUR – IRIS HARRISON

Iris is one of the founder members of EO, having been part of the informal network set up at the end of 1976 and one of the first Guarantors when EO became a company. Her children all had dyslexia, and her determination to educate them autonomously according to their needs and interests, and consequent clashes with the law, eventually resulted in the landmark ruling in the 'Harrison Case' which established that education is efficient if it achieves what it sets out to achieve.

Some of Iris's experiences were outlined in the EO newsletter for Autumn 2015 – she also attended the 2015 AGM and spoke with EO members present.

Iris will be attending the AGM and Open EO Members' Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016. This is a rare opportunity to meet one of the original 'EOldies' and to hear about her experiences at first hand.

Some comments by those who met Iris last year:

- ... for those of you who may not be familiar with Iris, it is down to her family's strength and resilience, and determination to fight, that the British Court of Law recognises autonomous education as a legal and acceptable form of home education. Do a bit of research sometime: it's an inspiring and humbling tale.
- Whilst chatting with Iris, I was struck by just how much freedom she had encouraged her children to enjoy, and how she never once worried about them leaving home illiterate, despite several of them being severely dyslexic. She had simply remained confident that their skills would develop when they were ready, and had not even thought of coercing them into doing any phonics whatsoever. Tales of her children taking an old car engine apart, then teaching themselves how to put it back together again, made me reflect on how controlled my children's largely unschooled existence still is.
- The fire of this lady still burns bright, and what she withstood to bring HE in the UK to a reality, really is quite astounding.

We hope that as many EO members as possible will attend and share the pleasure of Iris' company. EO Trustees

## AGM 2016 GUEST SPEAKER – PETER HUMPHREYS

Peter Humphreys is Chair, trustee and a director of the Centre for Personalised Education – Personalised Education Now (CPE-PEN); and was editor of the CPE-PEN Journal 2004-2016. Having spent 25 years as a primary teacher and going on to work as an educational consultant in local authority advisory service and other areas, he is now a visiting lecturer at Birmingham City University in teacher education.

Peter describes himself as an educator and educational heretic; an experienced and knowledgeable educator within both mainstream and alternative education perspectives. He is passionate about radical, transformative personalisation of our learning systems, and has published articles on a range of educational issues such as educational choice, curriculum design, learning environments, digital technologies, learning charters, traveller education, evolutionary development in education, real vs. classroom issues, flexischooling, special education and co-operative learning.

Peter's most recent work includes *Rethinking Learning and Lives 2040: Educational Technologies and Personalised Learning Landscapes* (2014) and he is currently working on a chapter on De-humanising Education for a book *Alternative Visions, Systems, Discourse and Professional Practice: Resisting Neo Liberal Education* (Ed: Dr T. Rudd and Prof I. F. Goodson) 2016. He also runs the Alternative Educational Futures Conference, held earlier this year, honouring the late Professor Roland Meighan with whom he studied and worked in the past and whose Educational Heretics Press still provides a platform for alternative education including HE. He has worked and continues to work closely with that press and with many in the HE community through the work of CPE.

Peter seeks to advance the development of real choice within the educational landscape – putting the learner centre stage where they can self-direct and co-create their learning experiences and pathways. He says: "The lessons we have learned from how HE works in its many manifestations inform our views education and learning."

We look forward to an interesting presentation.

EO Trustees

Further information about Peter's work may be found at:

Personalised Education Now. Blog <http://blog.personalisededucationnow.org.uk>

Centre for Personalised Education – Personalised Education Now: <http://personalisededucationnow.org.uk>

Facebook Groups – Centre for Personalised Education, Flexischooling Families UK, Flexischooling Practitioners, Flexischooling.

## LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

**HE families** – Please contact the group organiser for full details and to check that activities are ongoing. Note also that not all groups are run by EO members. Further information on the groups listed below is available via the Local HE Groups area of the EO website. If you know of a group that's not listed, please ask the organiser to enter it at [www.educationotherwise.net](http://www.educationotherwise.net)

**Group organisers** – please remember when giving details of events, that this list (both in Newsletter and on main area of website) may be seen by people who are not members of Education Otherwise, and adjust your information accordingly.

Please also notify us promptly of contact & other changes via the Local Groups Co-ordinator: [eolg@educationotherwise.org](mailto:eolg@educationotherwise.org)

**N.B. Some groups have been removed due to lack of contact – if you wish your group to be reinstated in EO Newsletter and on Website, please contact Local Groups Co-ordinator: [eolg@educationotherwise.org](mailto:eolg@educationotherwise.org)**

### England

#### Bedfordshire

**BedHed** – for support and organising meet ups.  
Contact Susan: [susanthrossell@msn.com](mailto:susanthrossell@msn.com)  
<http://bedhed.org.uk>

#### Berkshire

**Expanding Horizons** – [www.expandinghorizonsuk.com](http://www.expandinghorizonsuk.com) regular meet ups, trips, activities, and information for other Local groups.  
Rebecca: 01494 882484, [expandinghorizonsuk@gmail.com](mailto:expandinghorizonsuk@gmail.com)  
**Heroes-HE** – weekly Home Education Club at animal farm, with workshops, etc. [www.heroesberkshire.co.uk/homeeducators.html](http://www.heroesberkshire.co.uk/homeeducators.html)

#### Bristol

**Bristol Home Education** – Local support group Bristol area.  
[www.bristolhomeeducation.moonfruit.com](http://www.bristolhomeeducation.moonfruit.com)

**Bristol Home Education Learn Place (HELP)** – Catherine:  
[catewhyte@hotmail.com](mailto:catewhyte@hotmail.com)

**Home Education in Bristol and the South West** – local website with information and links for groups, events and activities in Bristol and the surrounding areas + national info & resources. :  
Therese: [alternativeeducation.bristol@gmail.com](mailto:alternativeeducation.bristol@gmail.com)  
<http://alternative-education-bristol.moonfruit.com/>

#### Buckinghamshire

**Free Range Education** – range of educational events and activities in Milton Keynes & North Bucks Sarah: 07725 039981  
[www.freerangeeducation.org](http://www.freerangeeducation.org)

**High Wycombe home ed group** – Friendly weekly group meet up with activities. Email: [cm2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cm2002@yahoo.co.uk)

**Milton Keynes Home Educators Network (MKHEN)** – Educational and social activities and events, online support groups, mentoring and an active relationship with the LA. <http://www.mkhen.org.uk>  
Georgeanne 01908 662256 [sienna-swift7@powernet.co.uk](mailto:sienna-swift7@powernet.co.uk)

**South Bucks Home Educators** – (& surrounding areas) Taryn:  
[tarynearley@googlemail.com](mailto:tarynearley@googlemail.com)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/southbuckshomeed>  
**Expanding Horizons** (see Berkshire).

#### Cambridgeshire

**Cambridge Home Educating Community Activity List** – summary of sessions and regular groups in Cambridge. Karen: 01223 573220  
[www.educationchoice.org.uk](http://www.educationchoice.org.uk) [karen@karenrodgers.co.uk](mailto:karen@karenrodgers.co.uk)

**Cambridge Home Educating Families (CHEF)** – for parents/carers who HE or considering HE. Morag: [morag2000@hotmail.com](mailto:morag2000@hotmail.com)  
01223 464918 <http://www.cambridgehomeeducators.org.uk/>

**Cambridgeshire Home Educators** – Website all about HE-ing in Cambridgeshire including local groups and how to them.  
[www.cambshomeed.co.uk](http://www.cambshomeed.co.uk) Jane: [cambshomeed@gmail.com](mailto:cambshomeed@gmail.com)

#### Cheshire

**Mid Cheshire Home Educators** – Bi-monthly meetings and regular outings. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mche>

#### Cornwall

**South East Cornwall** – (was Home Grown) Different courses and activities including Drama, Physics and English Lit.  
Kath: [kafrevell@phoncoop.coop](mailto:kafrevell@phoncoop.coop)

**Lastwithiel area HE group** – range of HE activities, all welcome!  
Karen: [kazincornwall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kazincornwall@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Cumbria

**West Cumbria Home Education Group** – friendly group, members from all over W. Cumbria, structured or free range – All welcome!  
Tallie: [metallienat@aol.com](mailto:metallienat@aol.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/WestCumbriaHE/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WestCumbriaHE/)  
**West Cumbria Home Educators** (incl. Keswick) – mutual support for HERS in West Cumbria: [WestCumbriaHomeEd@gmail.com](mailto:WestCumbriaHomeEd@gmail.com)

#### Derbyshire

**Chesterfield Home Education Group (CHEG)** – weekly meetings and days out for all ages. Sandy: [sandyariatt@gmail.com](mailto:sandyariatt@gmail.com)  
**Derby HE Group (DHEG)** – Weekly Gym Club at sports centre with instructor. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/derbyhe/>  
Lynsey: [lynseypvic@ntlworld.com](mailto:lynseypvic@ntlworld.com)

**Home Ed Buxton Area** – Local meetings/activities for HERS and those considering HE  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeedbuxtonarea>

#### Devon

**Dartmoor and SW Home Education Group**. Based in S. Dartmoor, All members may organise events and meet ups on our email list  
Email: [dartmoor-sw.he.group@gmail.com](mailto:dartmoor-sw.he.group@gmail.com)  
<http://dartmoor-sw-he.yolasite.com/>

**Exeter Home Education Community** Wednesday drop-in; GCSE; green woodwork, permaculture, pottery & more.  
Email: [nbedford@btinternet.com](mailto:nbedford@btinternet.com) Neil 01363 82314  
<http://exeterhomeeducationcommunity.co.uk>

**FLAGS Home Education Group** – Exeter, every Friday. Friendly group for children of all ages. Lisa 07969299543 or Sue:  
[su.gold777@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:su.gold777@yahoo.co.uk)

**Freedom Fields EHE** – Weekly social group for families  
[http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/PlymouthUK\\_HomeEd/](http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/PlymouthUK_HomeEd/)  
**NDHE (North Devon Home Educators)** – Meeting up for local trips and activities. Email: [ndhomeed@gmail.com](mailto:ndhomeed@gmail.com)

**Paignton and Torbay homeschooling** – social meet ups, play and activities, twice weekly. Tessa: [Tessacoles@hotmail.com](mailto:Tessacoles@hotmail.com)

**South Devon Home Education Group** – near Totnes

<http://southdevonhomeeducation.yolasite.com/>  
Ambuka: [ambuka5planets@yahoo.com](mailto:ambuka5planets@yahoo.com)  
**Stover HE Group** – Informal educational and social meets in local and surrounding areas. Email: [stoverhegroup@gmail.com](mailto:stoverhegroup@gmail.com)

#### Dorset

**Bournemouth HEED** – Weekly Monday meetings.  
Carol: [carolstone@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolstone@yahoo.co.uk) 01202 677066

**Bournemouth & Poole Home Educators** – play dates, trips/visits, etc. Emma: [bmth.home.ed@gmail.com](mailto:bmth.home.ed@gmail.com)  
[http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Bournemouth\\_and\\_PooleHomeEducators/?yguid=419936795](http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Bournemouth_and_PooleHomeEducators/?yguid=419936795).

**HEoND (Home Educators of North Dorset)** – Friendly group meeting regularly in Sturminster Newton.

June: [bugchick@mac.com](mailto:bugchick@mac.com)

[www.facebook.com/groups/NorthDorsetHomeEducation](http://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthDorsetHomeEducation)

**HERA** – friendly group meets weekly in Poole. Provides support for HE families/prospective HE. Tracie: [Tracie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Tracie@hotmail.co.uk)

## Durham

**County Durham Home Educators** – information, activities, get togethers and trips. Emma, [emmadfisk@durham.com](mailto:emmadfisk@durham.com)  
<https://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/durham-home-educators>

**Durham HE** – Yahoo group. Get-togethers arranged in various areas of County <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/County-durham-homeed>

## Essex

**Essex Home Education Yahoo Group** – Members organise HE events and meetings in Essex, and offer support, information and encouragement to other Home Educators.

Lou: [louise.thorn@googlemail.com](mailto:louise.thorn@googlemail.com)

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/essex-he-e-group/info>

**Haverhill HE group** – Covering South Suffolk/North Essex.

Eve 01440 788228 or 07768 763913 [wixde@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wixde@yahoo.co.uk)

**Southend HE Group** – Meets weekly. Lots of outings and activities.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southendhomeeducation/> or

Email: [southendhomeeducation@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southendhomeeducation@yahoo.co.uk)

**WIGWAM Epping Forest** – A weekly informal drop-in group.

Eleanor Stapleton 07866 701442 [elmajose2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elmajose2@yahoo.co.uk)

## Gloucestershire

**Forest of Dean HE group** – Bridge and dam building, river clearance, fire building, woodland walks etc.

Roxy: [cdsnhf@googlemail.com](mailto:cdsnhf@googlemail.com)

**Glos HE** – HE links and local resources in and around Gloucestershire. [www.gloshe.org.uk/](http://www.gloshe.org.uk/)

**Glos Otherwise Club** – Fiona 01684 290087 or Email:

[brookesfam@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:brookesfam@tiscali.co.uk)

**Stroud email list** – different activities arranged via email list.

Nick: [nick@nickweir.co.uk](mailto:nick@nickweir.co.uk) 01453 840036

## Hampshire

**ActiveEO** – West Sussex and Hants <http://www.activeohe.com/> self-help group for home educators living near the south coast:

Cate: [bevmats@btinternet.com](mailto:bevmats@btinternet.com)

**Basingstoke Under 10s** – Academic club plus regular meet ups in different locations. Vanessa: [education@zee2a.com](mailto:education@zee2a.com)

**East Hampshire Home Education Group (EHHE)** Social activities mainly for 5-11 yr but all ages welcome. Fields & playground.

Alison: [a.johns@btinternet.com](mailto:a.johns@btinternet.com)

**FAREGOS Home Education Group** – Fareham, Gosport, S. Hants. Several meetings each week for sports, social activities, art, maths and English tuition for GCSE.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FareGosHE/>

**Hampshire FRHEBES (Free Range & Home Educated Bees)** –

West Hampshire area and borders to arrange meet ups and

activities. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FRHEBees/>

Karen: 01425 652721

**Home Education Network Hants**, near Winchester, ages 0-13.

Range of activities + regular club. [homeednetwork@outlook.com](mailto:homeednetwork@outlook.com)

**North Hampshire HE Group** – Regular activities and meetings

organised, suitable for all ages. Email: [jakimp@parsons@gmail.com](mailto:jakimp@parsons@gmail.com)

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/NH-HE/> Jaki 07731 805323

**Portsmouth Home Education Group** – HE or interested in HE

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/portsmouthhomeed/>

**SEEDS** – Southampton, every term time afternoon for sports/play

+ weekly full day activity. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/seeds1/>

**South Hants Home Ed** – Support group for home educators

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southhantshomeed/>

## Herefordshire

**Hereford Home Education** – Indoor and outdoor facilities ages 3-15. Email: [herefordhe@gmail.com](mailto:herefordhe@gmail.com)

## Hertfordshire

**Herts Home Educators** – Yahoo! group for Hertfordshire home educators. Email: [newhomeeducators@gmail.com](mailto:newhomeeducators@gmail.com)

**Learning Begins In Wonder** – Free and subsidised events, resources and support to HE families in Hertfordshire and surrounding counties. Mandy: [mandy.ansell@aol.co.uk](mailto:mandy.ansell@aol.co.uk)

## Isle of Wight

**Isle of Wight Learning Zone** – Network of HE families

<http://www.iwlearningzone.co.uk/>

**IW Home Ed** – Facebook & yahoo group for any and all home

educators on IoW. Karen: [Karen@curvespace.com](mailto:Karen@curvespace.com) or 01983

568516 <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IWHomeEd/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/IWHomeEd/>

## Kent

**Dragonfly Kidz HE Group** – (Canterbury & Thanet) social & learning activities, swimming, bowling, days out etc. Wide range of locations around Canterbury/Thanet/Whitstable. All Welcome! Steph: [stephgater@rocketmail.com](mailto:stephgater@rocketmail.com) 01304 814362.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dragonflykidz>

[homeeducationgroup/](http://homeeducationgroup/)

**HEarts & Minds** – Hernehill, various games, arts, crafts and organised

activities. Davinia: [daviniaedmunds4@gmail.com](mailto:daviniaedmunds4@gmail.com)

**Kent ASD Home Ed** – For parents/carers of ASD/Aspergers

children who are educating them 'otherwise'.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/asd-home-ed-medway>

**Medway and Maidstone HE activity group** (HE Omega) – Group of

home educating families in Medway and Kent.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HE-omega/>

Esther: [e.selhi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:e.selhi@yahoo.co.uk)

**Rochester HE Group** – weekly meetings Tuesday afternoon.

Sally: [sally\\_wilton@lineone.net](mailto:sally_wilton@lineone.net)

**SATHE (Supporting Autism Through Home Education)** – West

Kent group open to all parents/carers HE/flexi-schooling or

considering HE for children with autism/sensitivities or learning

difficulties. <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/S-A-T-H-E/>

Denise: 07554 386844 or Email: [S-A-T-H-E@yahoogroups.co.uk](mailto:S-A-T-H-E@yahoogroups.co.uk)

**South East Home Educators** – (Kent/Sussex) Meet regularly for

trips, hall meets, swimming etc. To join Yahoo! group email:

[southeasthomeeducators-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:southeasthomeeducators-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

or Lesley: [lesley294@aol.com](mailto:lesley294@aol.com) 07828 193 668

## Lancashire

**Boneheds** – Help support information and friendship to families home educating (or considering HE) in Bolton Lancashire and

surrounding districts. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/boneheds/>

**Home Ed Leyland** – Friendship, support and advice for all families

who are home-educating (or considering HE) in Leyland and

surrounding districts. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/he-lol/>

**LEAD Home Education** – swap ideas, share stories and arrange

local social gatherings. [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lead\\_he/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lead_he/)

## Leicestershire

**HE-AL message board** – details of HE Events in Leicestershire. Site

run by local HE groups, but open to all HERS in the Leicestershire

area. <http://he-al.weebly.com/index.html>

**Leicestershire Christian Home Educators** – monthly meet up

every 3rd Tuesday. Free play opportunity in a safe and fun place.

HE Off-Peak Pass available: £1.50 per child £5 per family, free

drinks. All welcome! Email: [mrsamarshall@googlemail.com](mailto:mrsamarshall@googlemail.com)

**Loughborough Home Ed** – meet for various regular/one off

groups, including French and maths in Loughborough. Email:

[nicky@co.asd.me.uk](mailto:nicky@co.asd.me.uk)

**Stoneygate** – Weekly play session, £3.50 per family, including drinks. Large, safe, grassy area. Cat: [catbellinger@gmail.com](mailto:catbellinger@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/homeedleicestershire/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/homeedleicestershire/)

## Lincolnshire

**Home Ed Lincs** – Yahoo newsgroup coordinating HE activities in Lincolnshire. [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/home\\_ed\\_lincs/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/home_ed_lincs/)  
**Homeschool Lincolnshire** – active and supportive group, 40+ families incl. plenty of teenagers. Monthly events & activities list. Elaine: [homeschool.lincolnshire@outlook.com](mailto:homeschool.lincolnshire@outlook.com) 01507 328688

## London

**Adventures with Education (Hackney)** – HE group based in Hackney London. <http://awe.gn.apc.org/>  
**Brandam Readers** – Weekly meetings in term time. [rubbyardburn@hotmail.com](mailto:rubbyardburn@hotmail.com)  
**Home Study Groups** – small group of HE families pooling resources for tutored home study groups. Ingie: [iberritt@gmail.com](mailto:iberritt@gmail.com) 0203 566 8706  
**Maggie Home Educators (East London)** – Fun, play and socialising for HE families. Phil: 0208 500 1053  
**The Otherwise Club (NW)** – A community centre for HE families. <http://www.theotherwisecub.org.uk/> 07952 616 352  
**WIGWAM** Jubilee Park N9. Informal drop-in group for families with children of any age. Eleanor: [elmajose2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elmajose2@yahoo.co.uk) 07866 701442

## Norfolk

**Home Educating in Norfolk (HENS)** – Group for HE families in Norfolk. Those on the borders also welcome. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeeducatorsnorfolk/>  
**The Barefoot Learners** – Games and activities for all ages. Be Coffin: 07814 592 290 or 01263 73 99 83  
**West Norfolk Home Educators** – Meeting place for HERS and families interested in home educating. Lots of activities! <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/WestNorfolkHomeEducators/>

## Northamptonshire

**iFlow** – weekly HE community group, NW Northants. Support and friendship; parent-led and professionally-led educational activities. Wide range of resources, community space, sports & outdoor play. E: [welcomeiflow@gmail.com](mailto:welcomeiflow@gmail.com) W: [www.iflow-he.org](http://www.iflow-he.org)  
**Northants HE** – Informal group meets regularly for various activities <http://www.northantshe.org.uk/>

## Nottinghamshire

**Notts Sheep Special** – Online support group for HE parents of special needs/differently-abled children in Nottinghamshire & bordering counties. [http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Notts\\_Sheep-Special/](http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Notts_Sheep-Special/)

## Oxfordshire

**Expanding Horizons (See Berkshire)**  
**OHED** – Website with information about HE in Oxfordshire [www.ohed.org.uk](http://www.ohed.org.uk) Louisa: [louisa.southey@gmail.com](mailto:louisa.southey@gmail.com) or 01865 735705  
**Oxfordshire Home Educators** – A group for all home educators living in Oxfordshire and neighbouring counties; all welcome. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OxonHE/>

## Shropshire

**Inspire HE Group**. Educational activities in Shropshire. Families from Shropshire and surrounding areas welcome to find out more. Alison: [fellows-weir@megmag.plus.com](mailto:fellows-weir@megmag.plus.com)  
**Otherwise Engaged** – Online diary of group activities, cultural events, workshops, resources and projects for Shrops and West Mids based HE families. <http://www.otherwise-engaged.org.uk/home-education.html>  
**Rushbury/Stretton HE Group** – Parent and child-led activities & people from the wider community. Beverley: 01743 718429

**Shropshire Home Education** – For HERS in Shropshire area to chat arrange meets etc. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shed>  
**Telford area HE** – Activities incl. Skating, football and drama sessions. Denise: 07866 888879

## Somerset

**Bath HE Yahoo! Group** – <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/BathHomeEducation/>  
**HEY Yeovil** – All HE families welcome. Lyn: 01963 23669 [heyevail@hotmail.com](mailto:heyevail@hotmail.com)  
**North Somerset HE Group** – Weekly children's gym, walks, outings etc. Yahoo! group for members. Vicky: 01275 848425 [victoria.preston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:victoria.preston@yahoo.co.uk)  
**Taunton Home Education Group** – Regular events and meet ups in Taunton; range of classes and workshops across Somerset [www.tauntonhomeeducation.com](http://www.tauntonhomeeducation.com) Email: [tauntonhomeeducation@gmail.com](mailto:tauntonhomeeducation@gmail.com)  
**Wells and Mendip HE Group (WAM)** – meet weekly for 'school age' kids, run by parents; variety of projects and activities. 01749 675176  
**Wiveliscombe/Taunton** – Monthly meetings and regular outings. Maggie: 01984 624651

## Staffordshire

**Growing Wild** (was Forest Unschool) meet weekly for gardening, social, play, crafts, activities and nature walks. Children of all ages welcome. Elly: [ellyweir@gmail.com](mailto:ellyweir@gmail.com)

## Suffolk

**Haverhill HE group** – South Suffolk/North Essex. Eve: [wixde@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wixde@yahoo.co.uk) 01440 788228 or 07768 763913  
**Ipswich HE Wednesdays** – Shared lunch and activities. Emma: [emma@nattyem.co.uk](mailto:emma@nattyem.co.uk)  
**Ipswich town centre group + Book Club** – regular meetings. Lisa: [llw\\_llg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:llw_llg@yahoo.co.uk) 07538 102322  
**Tostock HE Group** – All families welcome to this very friendly group. Jan: [angusto@btinternet.com](mailto:angusto@btinternet.com) 01359 251184

## Surrey

**Dorking Home Educators** – fortnightly. Social and pre-booked activities, outings & trips. Amanda: [schrodingerscat81@hotmail.com](mailto:schrodingerscat81@hotmail.com) <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/DorkingHomeEducators/>  
**Forest Families** – weekly meetings in Croydon. Sharing food, cooking & unstructured play in nature. Maria: [mariaof.reyna@gmail.com](mailto:mariaof.reyna@gmail.com)  
**Home Educators Learning Project (HELP)** – educational support, outings. <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/HELearningProject/>  
**Leatherhead Home Education Group** – Leatherhead and surrounding area regular day trips and activities. Christie: [christabelthorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:christabelthorpe@hotmail.com) 07840285703  
**Surbiton Home Ed Group (SHED)** – occasional field trips, picnics, workshops, etc. Ingrid: [ingrid.meaker@mac.com](mailto:ingrid.meaker@mac.com)  
**Sutton/Epsom HE group** – Meets weekly and also monthly for outings. Neia: [neia.glynn@btinternet.com](mailto:neia.glynn@btinternet.com)  
**SW Surrey Home Ed** – Group for HE families based in SW Surrey and surrounding area. Weekly gatherings Farnham or Godalming. <http://www.swsurrey-home-ed.co.uk/index.php>

## Sussex

**ActiveO** – HE Group W Sussex and Hants (see Hampshire)  
**Brighton and Hove Home Educators** – Information on HE events and groups in the area. <http://bhhe.wordpress.com/> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bhhe/>  
**Eastbourne EO Group** – Regular gatherings & activities. <http://www.shinies.org.uk/>  
**Hastings & Rother Home Educators (HARHE)** – small number of families; activities include Forest School, cycling, daytrips, bowling and swimming. Check website and us or come along to an activity [www.harhe.btck.co.uk](http://www.harhe.btck.co.uk) Catherine: 01424 812213

**HEDGE Home Ed Group** – Hastings/St. Leonards weekly social meetings + trips etc. [www.hedge-education.btck.co.uk](http://www.hedge-education.btck.co.uk)

Beshlie: 01424 812870

**JIGSAW** – social events, educational group excursions, curriculum support, etc. Email: [lelat@gmail.com](mailto:lelat@gmail.com)

**South Eastern Home Educators** – (Kent/Sussex) see Kent  
**Wealden Home Educators' Network (WHEN)** see Kent.

## Warwickshire

**Creative Youth Adventure Club (Coventry)** – monthly HE Group for all ages, activities and social get together. Also Arts Awards. Sarah: [sarah@nellyyb.co.uk](mailto:sarah@nellyyb.co.uk)

**Warwick District HE** – Warwick/Leamington. Primarily for 0-11 but all welcome. Weekly meet for play etc. + trips etc. Alison: 07782 299181 <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/warwickhe>

## West Midlands

**Cradley HE Group** – small group of families meeting weekly for friendships and craft activities in Cradley Heath. Kate: [katehstrickland@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katehstrickland@yahoo.co.uk)

**F.R.E.E. HE Group** (Shropshire) – Free Range Exciting Education Group meets once a week for a variety of fun & educational activities including trips. Jan: [freeheg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:freeheg@yahoo.co.uk)

## Wiltshire

**Salisbury Plain Home Education Circle** – Parents who use the National Curriculum as guidance but believe best education from experience. Dee: [dee.dilloway@yahoo.com](mailto:dee.dilloway@yahoo.com) 07753 260317

## Worcestershire

**Bewdley HE Group** – Weekly meetings, social/activities etc. all welcome. Sophie [s.a.moore@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.a.moore@hotmail.co.uk)  
01299 405196

**Worcester Home Educators** – Meetings usually at least weekly throughout term time at various locations round the county. [www.worcestershire-home-educators.co.uk/](http://www.worcestershire-home-educators.co.uk/)

**Worcestershire Home Ed** – Yahoo Group Email list for Worcs HERS <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/worcestershirehome-ed/>

## Yorkshire

**DHE Doncaster home educators** Yahoo group for families in the Doncaster and surrounding areas. Cheryl: [cheryl0407@aol.com](mailto:cheryl0407@aol.com)  
07825 914340 <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/DHE/>

**HENNEY (Home Education Network North East Yorkshire)** Regular meet ups around Scarborough and East coast area.

Lisa: [lisa\\_riley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lisa_riley@tiscali.co.uk) [henney-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:henney-owner@yahoogroups.com)

**Huddersfield Art Workshops** – Monthly 8 yrs plus.  
Jane: 01484 645034  
**Huddersfield Book Group** – Monthly Marsden library.  
Jane 01484 645034

**Huddersfield Home Educators** – Monthly themed meetings.  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wyhec/>

Mandy: [meandchi7@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:meandchi7@yahoo.co.uk) 01484 460026

**NYHEC (group for HE parents)** – for parents HEing in North Yorkshire. Email: [nyhecowner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:nyhecowner@yahoogroups.com)

**North + West HE Group** – Meets Skipton monthly and Bradford Gym Club weekly. Regular meetings and outings.

Judith: 01756 791356

**Rotherham Home Education** – friendly informal group for HERS in & around S. Yorkshire. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RothHE/>  
Pauline: [colliecandydog123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colliecandydog123@yahoo.co.uk) 077764 06409

**SYHEC** – Yahoo! group for parents HEing in South Yorkshire.  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/syhec/>

**Wakefield District Home Education Group** – Bowling, Ice skating, visits etc. Tracey: [wakefieldHE-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:wakefieldHE-owner@yahoogroups.com)

**Wildlings** – Meet weekly for in & outdoor fun, friendship, crafts, Montessori materials. HE Group for children under 6.  
Huddersfield. Penny: [pennyclarkson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pennyclarkson@yahoo.co.uk)

**Yorkshire Home Edders Yahoo! group** – Friendly & active group with visits & workshops for children 8-16.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yorkshirehomedders/>

## Regional Groups (England)

### East of England –

**East Midlands** – East Midlands HE Yahoo Group (EMHE)

inform & support HE families in E. Midlands.  
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/emhe/info>  
Katya: [katyalamb@aol.com](mailto:katyalamb@aol.com)

**North East England** – North East Home Educators Thriving group with several activities in the region happening every day!  
We welcome new members. Treena: [treenafenwick@gmail.com](mailto:treenafenwick@gmail.com)

### South East

**FLAGS (Kent/Surrey/Sussex)** – Active group (Kent/Surrey/Sussex) meeting weekly during term time <http://www.flags-education.org>  
Karen: [karenlow@uwclub.net](mailto:karenlow@uwclub.net) 01732 864524

**ActiEO** – HE Group based in West Sussex and Hampshire  
[See Hampshire for details]

**Home-EASE (Home Education for all South East)** – Group of HE families in SE England. [homeeducatingmum@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:homeeducatingmum@yahoo.co.uk)  
0753 1677 083

**South East Home Educators** – (Kent/Sussex) See Kent for details.

### South West

**Home Education Centre (Devon/Dorset/Somerset)** – <http://www.homeeducationcentre.org.uk> Parent run co-operative group for HE families in Somerset, Dorset and Devon.  
Julie: [julia@homeeducationcentre.org.uk](mailto:julia@homeeducationcentre.org.uk)

**HERs and Events SW** – network to support new HERS or those new to the area. New input welcomed. [southdevonlc@gmail.com](mailto:southdevonlc@gmail.com)  
<http://hecontactssandeventssw.yolasite.com>

**HE in Bristol and SW** – see Bristol

### West Midlands

**HELM** – home education group located mainly within the Birmingham, West Midlands area. Any and all home-educating parents welcome.

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HELM\\_home\\_ed/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HELM_home_ed/)

## Isle of Man

**Home Educating Network - Isle of Man** – informal group of parents HEing on the Isle of Man.

Yvonne: [isleofmanlc@educationotherwise.org](mailto:isleofmanlc@educationotherwise.org)  
<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/hen-iom/>

**Home Education on the Isle Of Man** –

Dawn: [sewellbunch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sewellbunch@yahoo.co.uk)

## Wales

**Cardiganshire** – Lampeter home-ed group meets one afternoon per week. Social with occasional activities.  
[thislittlelightofmine@phonecoop.coop](mailto:thislittlelightofmine@phonecoop.coop) Mia: 01570421529

### Carmarthenshire

**Carmarthen HE Group** – Regular meetings in Johnstown, Carmarthen. Email: [caroline.milburn@yahoo.com](mailto:caroline.milburn@yahoo.com)

**Carmarthen Home Ed** – Social group meeting weekly for play and chat, indoor and outdoor activities for all ages.

Sarah: [birdgirlvintage@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:birdgirlvintage@yahoo.co.uk)

### Conwy

**PLANT Conwy** – Weekly get togethers in the village of Conwy for Home edders - all welcome. Email: [lily@ogge.co.uk](mailto:lily@ogge.co.uk)

## Denbighshire

**Francyssylte HE group** – Fortnightly group meets 10-4pm. Social play and chat. Email: [vivodsam@gmail.com](mailto:vivodsam@gmail.com)

## Flintshire

**Flintshire Home Education** – Regular meet ups activities & support. Email: [flintshirehomeeducation@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:flintshirehomeeducation@yahoo.co.uk)

## Glamorgan

**Bridgend HE Community** – free play, GCSE classes, Arts Award, John Muir Award, outside speakers, activities etc.  
Emma: [emmzr75@gmail.com](mailto:emmzr75@gmail.com)

**Cardiff Home Education Group** – Meets Mondays during term time, in Pontcanna. Social group children all ages, everyone welcome. Sarah: [cardiffhomeeducationgroup@gmail.com](mailto:cardiffhomeeducationgroup@gmail.com)  
[www.cardiffhomeeducationgroup.wordpress.com](http://www.cardiffhomeeducationgroup.wordpress.com)

**New Foundations HE** – Meets Cardiff weekly. Varied activities, all free. <http://www.newfoundationshe.com> 07913 955583  
[newfoundationshe@virginmedia.com](mailto:newfoundationshe@virginmedia.com)

**Swansea Home Educators** – group of EHE families from Swansea and surrounding areas. Eleanor: [eleanoreva@aol.com](mailto:eleanoreva@aol.com)

## Gwynedd

**Creative Learning and Support** – Now meet every Wed. pm in Bangor. Julie on 01286 678181 or Sarah on 01248 355182

**Langower HE Group** – Weekly meetings.  
Email: [rowenna73@hotmail.com](mailto:rowenna73@hotmail.com)

## Monmouthshire

**Abergavenny HE Group** – monthly meetings at Abergavenny on first Wednesday of each month. £3 per family.  
John: [john.cranna@btconnect.com](mailto:john.cranna@btconnect.com)

**Monmouth Home Educators** – Meet weekly for fun and friendship, arts, crafts, games and sports. All ages welcome. Check for dates and times. Roxy: 07765 058 777

**Usk Home Education** – Monthly (Thurs) meet other HEs in the area for fun and games and cups of tea.  
Roxy: [cdsnhf@gmail.com](mailto:cdsnhf@gmail.com) or 01989 768 128  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HerefordshireHE/>

## Powys

**New Leaf HE Group (Newtown)** – Occasional meetings for varied activities all ages. Email: [siouxcats@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:siouxcats@yahoo.co.uk)

**Shiny Happy Children** – Regular meetings in Llanfyllin and surrounding areas. Katie: [llanfyllinHE@gmail.com](mailto:llanfyllinHE@gmail.com)

## Regional Groups (Wales)

**Cymru ALN - HE & EOTAS (Wales, Special interest and SEN)**  
Wales-wide support group for Home Educators of children & young people with Additional Learning Needs, (SEN).

Email: [cymrualn@gmail.com](mailto:cymrualn@gmail.com)

**Elective Home Education Wales** – Linking HE families across Wales. <http://www.ehew.co.uk>

**Monmouth/Hereford/Gloucester** – for information about group activities in the Monmouth/Hereford/Gloucester area. Local EO member Roxy: [cdsnhf@googlemail.com](mailto:cdsnhf@googlemail.com) 01989 768128

**New Foundations** – HE group and charity offering social & educational activities and support in Cardiff and South Wales. Every Mon 10am - 3pm. All HE families welcome.  
[www.newfoundationshe.com](http://www.newfoundationshe.com)

Jayne: [newfoundationshe@virginmedia.com](mailto:newfoundationshe@virginmedia.com) Or 07913 955583

**South Wales Home Educators Network** – Email list for Home Educators in and around S Wales to arrange get-togethers/events, share ideas & news and offer support.  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swhen/>

## Channel Islands

**Home Education Jersey** – Home education group.

Jess: [homeeducationjersey@gmail.com](mailto:homeeducationjersey@gmail.com)

**Guernsey Home Educators** – Group of home educators and those sympathetic to home education in Guernsey.

Email: [legguernsey@gmail.com](mailto:legguernsey@gmail.com)

## Northern Ireland

**HEdNI (Home Education Northern Ireland)**. Umbrella group for the whole of Northern Ireland; where a diverse community of smaller local groups and individual home educators can come together for peer support & information, to advertise and find events, and make connections. Sarah: [sarah@hedni.org](mailto:sarah@hedni.org)

## Scotland

**Edinburgh & Beyond Home Educators** – <http://www.ebhe.org.uk>

Large online network of families, wide variety of groups, many different social and educational activities in & around Edinburgh.

Email: [@ebhe.org.uk](mailto:@ebhe.org.uk)

## International (UK based)

**HE-DS (Home Educating a child with Down's syndrome)** – Linking families who are home educating a child with Down's syndrome.  
<http://www.oakwellbarns.co.uk> Facebook group (private, by invitation) by email to: [oakwellbarns@gmail.com](mailto:oakwellbarns@gmail.com)

### Please Note ....

**HE families** – Please contact the group organiser for full details and to check that activities are ongoing. Note also that not all groups are run by EO members. Further information on the groups listed above is available via the Local HE Groups area of the EO website.

If you know of a group that's not listed, please ask the group organiser to enter it at [www.educationotherwise.net](http://www.educationotherwise.net) or email EO Local Groups Co-ordinator:

[rola@educationotherwise.org](mailto:rola@educationotherwise.org)

**LEILA BERG WEBSITE** – just launched and includes a link to EO in the Resources section.

There is now a new website honouring the late great Leila Berg, children's writer, editor of Nippers and author of Risinghill, journalist, and campaigner for children's rights: [leilaberg.com](http://leilaberg.com). It is an introduction to her groundbreaking work which is still relevant today, and includes many samples of her writing for kids and grown-ups, plus illustrations and photos. Please visit!

Please send us feedback on the website, and post interesting items on the site, about education and children's rights, your experience with Leila's books, or relevant anecdotes about kids. Also links to alternative and progressive education experiments or organisations, and home-schooling news would be welcome, and you could exchange Leila's books, which are increasingly hard to find! If you think your friends or contacts will be interested, please share the website address and/or Facebook page (Leila Berg Books). And if you want to receive our occasional Leila-centric newsletter "Snippets", please sign up to our mailing list on the website.

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**Anti-Bullying Contact:** Kathleen Thompson  
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**GCSEs at Home:** Louise 08445 003 688

**GCSE/Exams email list:**  
*http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HE-Exams-GCSE-A\_AS\_Levels-OU-Others/*

**HE Exams Wiki:** *www.home-education-exams.org.uk*

**Exam Centres list:** *http://he-exams.wikia.com/wiki/Finding\_an\_exam\_centre*

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*send@educationotherwise.org*

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- promote knowledge, understanding and acceptance of education otherwise than at school in the world at large.

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