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Welcome

I was beginning to despair of having anything at all to put in this issue, as no articles or letters had arrived by the middle of October, perilously close to the official deadline ... then by a stroke of luck, someone who'd sparked off an interesting string on the EO Yahoo email list agreed this could be reprinted in the newsletter – and it all came together.

We already knew about home educated young adults making a great impression on employers, gaining excellent results in GCSEs and A-levels taken as private candidates, getting into further and higher education on the basis of portfolio and interview; but to hear about them starting to home educate their own children feels like a new phase in the history of EO and home education generally. I hope you enjoy reading their very varied contributions in the 'HE – Second Generation' section; and many thanks to them all for taking time out of their busy lives to write for us.

On a different note, how do you feel about the tension between making information available as widely as possible and ensuring privacy for those our volunteers? Does EO need to adapt more of its practices to fit in with modern communications?

Please do write in, with your comments – either about the subjects in this issue, or about anything else you would like to see in the newsletter. It would be good to have responses from lots of members for the next issue.

You don't need to write a full length article; a letter would be fine!

Season's Greetings!

*Anne Rix 1st December 2011
(Acting NL Co-ordinator)*

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HOME EDUCATION – SECOND GENERATION!

This section grew out of the EO yahoo HE list, when a new member who had been home educated as a child, posted about just starting HE with their own children. Another list member, also just starting HE but not having personal experience of being home educated, asked questions about 'how it was for you'. One response was to the list (with permission to publish here); another specially commissioned from another young parent and the other two arrived out of the blue – that was really lovely!

JUST WONDERFUL!

I was home educated myself 20 yrs ago as I didn't like school (at all) and it changed my world. We joined EO and my experience of Home Education was everything I could have wished for.... I was free to learn what I was interested in, when I was interested in it, which increased my desire to learn more. I had the freedom to be "Me" and not have to be what I was told to be, which gave me a healthy personal confidence. Plus I had all the time in the world to enjoy everything life had to offer and I expanded my social life ten fold! Not be stuck in a classroom for years on end.

Now I'm the "Home Educator" I am seeing things from the other perspective and have a thirst for more knowledge on the subject. Every family is different and it's always about finding what works best for you. I feel that as long as you're all happy and not going in opposite directions (mentally) then the natural progression of growing into a "fully fledged" educated adult is inevitable.

For us, Home Education is about living, learning and enjoying your life as a family... together, everything else seems to just fit into place. A healthy encouragement towards a natural progressive step, at the right time, is always a good idea.

For me personally, I disliked school to the point that I was very unhappy every day. I couldn't understand why I had to be away from home at such a young age all day every day, which felt like a very very long time. I have a great response to my history of being home educated and am often asked that little question

that is always asked and I guess always will be: " what did you do to socialise?"

(I could write several pages about this as it seems to be so important to people considering Home Ed but I'll keep it brief :)

I had more of a social life than every other child I knew that went to school. I was always socialising and playing (the best way to learn). The home ed community is growing all the time and is teaming with other families that socialise together as a group or just meet separately. Being in a school doesn't mean you have a social life, it means you can't socialise as your day and time is constantly managed and watched. You are in an un-natural environment that constricts who you can play with and who you shouldn't play with.

Being free and able to socialise with older and younger people is so valuable to every child's development (which is now a recognised fact) that when you compare the school environment you see nothing but the opposite.

I know the huge rewards and benefits home educating has and love to share ideas and thoughts on the subject, with like-minded people and anyone else who wants to hear. I've set up a "We Love Home Education" Facebook Page to acknowledge and support the wonderful world of Home Ed

Ben, East Sussex,
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/We-Love-Home-Education/188918584513666>

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

I didn't like school because I always felt I was an outsider. Although I was 'bright' and achieved what was required fairly easily I never felt integrated, and felt as if the other children had a sort of 'insiders' club' that I couldn't be part of. This may be partly because I did well in tasks, or maybe partly because they said I was 'posh' because I spoke properly.

I also didn't like the fact that I had to do things that didn't interest me (such as playing the recorder and playing ball games without having the rules explained to me first!). Likewise, I couldn't spend as much time as I would have liked to on the things that did interest me (such as maths and science).

It always seemed as if there were so many unwritten (and often unexplained) rules that it was assumed that everyone would follow. Like the queues I encountered at age 5 when I first went to school – two queues for the toilets, with no-one to tell me whether it mattered which one I joined, so I stood in a long line of boys until a teacher corrected me and moved me to the other line of children. Then there was the rule that I had to go outside at break time even if it was cold or raining, and even though I often just stood at the side of the playground because none of the other children invited me to play with them.

I was sometimes lonely being home educated, although I didn't realise it until I went to college at 16. I was actually quite happy and did not miss the 'socialisation' of school, but I think this is why I was very shy until I was in my 20s. I don't want this for my son, so although he's only two I've started taking him regularly to home ed groups, where he already has several friendships that I hope will continue for years.

When I was a child, we would occasionally go to a home ed group at another family's house, or host a group, but this was rare and not often enough to form friendships well. Again, this is what I want to redress with my own children and luckily it is now much easier to find regular groups than it was when I was a child.

As an adult, when I tell people about having been home educated they are usually very interested and ask a few questions regarding who taught me, whether I had lessons, whether you're allowed to do it, whether I got qualifications, etc. I do not recall anyone making any particularly negative comments when they find out; I think because they realise that I'm still a 'normal' sensible person – either that, or they don't want to offend me!

I have, on the other hand, had disapproving questions/comments from others when I say that I don't want to send my son to school. But often when I explain about my plans, reasons, and my own experiences of education, they become more interested in the idea.

My relationship with my parents now is still very good. We are pretty comfortable in each other's company and, although I don't see either of them as often as I'd really like (due to travel distance) we get on well when we are together. I do feel close to them both, but we also all recognise that we have our own lives to lead and so neither they nor I interfere too much with the others' affairs unless asked for opinions or as someone to tell about difficulties.

I did get some academic qualifications, starting with two GCSEs (Maths and English) by correspondence course at home. Then I went to college when I was just 16 and studied some more GCSEs and A levels while holding down a part time job, and moved out of home soon after. After college I left full time education and worked full time until the day my son was born, when I was 28. While working, in my early 20s, I also completed five years part time study with the Open University, obtaining a BSc in a variety of science-related courses. I am now a full time mother and part time entrepreneur!

Rosemary, Bedfordshire

SCHOOL PHOBIC [1] IN THE 80s

My biggest memory of being home schooled in the 1980s as a then undiagnosed 'school-phobe^[1], is my mother and I having to be quiet when the 'school board man' – educational welfare officer – knocked on the door. Andy Winters^[2] from ILEA had made it his goal to get me into school – any school – as soon as he could.

My school attendance had been sporadic at best since I was 5, having several weeks off at a time due to the sheer terror of being in school. This manifested itself in crippling stomach pains and a sensation that something was constantly stuck in my throat. It came to a head in 1987 when I failed to get into the secondary school of my choice, despite having the highest 11+ results in the school, and was too terrified to apply for any others. Andy Winters had plagued us for years, turning up unannounced and threatening to cart me off to a care home if I didn't resume regular attendance. But when I failed to register for secondary school, his threats became more sinister. He once ripped up a cassette tape in a fit of pique when it switched off abruptly and alerted him that my mother had been recording his threats to have me committed to a psychiatric ward.

When a family friend began teaching her son, Stephen, at home, she gave my mother the contact details for EO. We soon received a thick package of literature; among which was the book *School Is Not Compulsory*. The most thrilling part of it was the edict that education is compulsory 'through school or otherwise.' The 'otherwise' felt like the weapon of defence we had been praying for. EO were invaluable to us in an era when it was so extremely rare for a child to refuse to go to school through fear that she was threatened with psychiatric care. I was, in fact, examined by educational psychologists and hospital psychiatrists at the Royal London in Whitechapel. They found nothing wrong with me, but no one ever suggested school phobia. I was home schooled

for over a year and EO sent a representative to attend my secondary school appeal hearing, but unfortunately Winters' threats came to fruition and I ended up starting in the second year of a girls' comprehensive. All the pupils knew each other as they'd all joined in the first year and I was promptly ostracised. I finished the third year and left aged 14. This time no-one checked up on me or came knocking, I ended up with As through sitting my GCSEs as an external candidate in a hotel in Euston. When my own child reached school age I resolved to teach him at home, petrified he'd have the same school experience as I did. However, work commitments meant he had to go, and ended up being punched in the face by a parent in year 5 – the teachers did not even bother to tell us. We moved him to private school and he was much happier, although the lack of discipline and poor teaching standards has led to him being deregistered and I'm finally home schooling him at the age of 15. Home education seems to have changed dramatically since the 1980s. Children are no longer broadly generalised as freaks and weirdoes, nor parents dismissed as over protective. We have a voice – one that Andy Winters and the ILEA of old stole from me and my family. As for me, today I have a Masters degree, am an award-winning anthropologist and am still best friends with Stephen thanks to our shared experience of home education and EO.

Farrah, London

[1] *We now prefer to use the term 'school anxiety' rather than 'school phobia' as the fears are by no means irrational. See EO's printable fact sheet at*

<http://www.education-otherwise.net/~Co-ord>.

[2] *Not his real name*

RESURRECTION

I must say, before I begin, that I'm more than slightly biased. I was home educated as a child and I am now teaching my own children at home. I've been in and around Education Otherwise for about 27 years.

I rejoined EO as a member when I was pregnant with my eldest son and finally met up with others in EO when he was three years old. I suppose, looking back now, I naïvely thought that I would meet families with similar beliefs from varied backgrounds and creeds, all willing to share the similarity of home education. I really looked forward to sharing thoughts, ideas and experiences – in short, to replicating the EO experience of my parents.

Imagine then my surprise and dismay to be met with a great deal of suspicion, dismissal, hostility and apathy. Let me expand.

Suspicion because I was not interested in militant protest, discussion or challenge of the LA! Suspicion and slight snobbery that I did not have and still do not have any internet connection at home, for financial reasons.

Dismissal because my children were three and one at the time, therefore could not fully join in with the strict themes and set activities of the group. They were not deemed old enough to be home educated. Total dismissal of my previous experiences of home education as that was 'old EO' not the 'modern' view! Definite hostility and apathy toward any idea of a regular meeting with no set agenda, just a sharing of food, ideas and support. Too 'old fashioned'!

Lovely as the 'modern' idea is of total communication via the internet, it cannot replace face-to-face support. My dreams of giving my sons, now six and four, the joyous experience of the EO of my youth may never be.

So this is a call for a Resurrection! With no consideration of ages, backgrounds, experience or creed, let us celebrate the one thing that we all share: a belief in a better childhood for our children through home education! A return to group meetings where children of all ages are allowed to play without the restriction of a set 'theme' or activity. Where adults can share experiences, food, ideas and literature, and find support; a truly 'free' environment. (For a definition of the term 'free' as used here, may I direct readers to the wonderful ideas and practices of A. S. Neill.)

I cannot believe that I am alone in wanting something 'real' instead of a 'virtual' experience. If anyone is interested in a resurrection of the 'old' EO, then let's make it happen and please get in touch!

(With thanks to Edwina, for a truly inspirational conversation that reminded me of what used to be.)

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[email messages can be passed on via NL Co-ordinator]

Privacy, Security & Local Home Ed Groups on Website

For quite a few years now, I have been the contact for first one, then two groups that meet up in my area. I had always understood that the information was to be printed in the newsletter, and when the newsletter went on-line, that the information was in the members-only part of the website. The arrangement for the website listing, as agreed November 2009, was that people would email EO and it would be forwarded to me; I naïvely believed this was also a members-only arrangement. Imagine my shock and horror when I discovered that with three clicks, anyone in the whole world could find out about our local groups and ring me at home. There are many reasons why EO should urgently change the new arrangements, not just for me, but for everyone, in the light of safeguarding issues.

A local group being listed on a website is not the same as being in a printed newsletter which can be purchased by non-members. A local group is of local interest; exposure on the web is global – intrusive and utterly unnecessary. In order to get hold of a paper copy of the newsletter, some effort has to be made, either by joining EO or by attending an event of some sort. There has to be some form of direct contact: a name and address have to be given or a purchase made from human to human. This human interaction is a small but important means of keeping us safe. People will hesitate before casually gleaning details, if human contact has to be made. Of course people can lie, but then they have to be prepared to do that. Information on the web, on the other hand, is available anonymously, without any contact with another human being, from the comfort of one's own home - and so very easily. This is why information on the web has to be much more carefully considered.

Because the local contact people are listed in the members-only area, local group contacts are being used as a first point of contact, also instead of the helpline number, which is an 0845 one. Think about it. If you can phone a local person instead of a national helpline, brilliant! If you can get that information without becoming a member, even better! I cannot be the only local group contact person to have been inundated with calls in the past few months. Until now, I could not understand the increase, and had commented on this to my group. Now I know why this is happening. I am not meant to be a first point of contact, but this is the function I am now fulfilling. I did not agree to do this, and I don't imagine other group contacts did either.

Listing on the public section makes it very easy for LAs to browse the web, find local groups in their area and harass them if they are so inclined – and they are so inclined. On two occasions, I have been phoned by LA bods who made it their business to dig around for a way of finding me, which they did, despite it having cost them time and effort – attempting to find information about local families! EO making it easier for other LAs to find me is going to make my life that much harder. All this, just because I organise a group.

I urge members to discuss this issue as a matter of urgency. Please seriously consider if putting all this information in the global public domain in this manner is sensible.

Gina, London

[responses can be sent to NL co-ordinator <arix@educationotherwise.org> and will be passed to trustees and/or published as requested]

SEND Round Up

The information below was sent to us from a member. This is just one particular activity in a particular area, but there have been others springing up elsewhere. Some are run by the NAS but are open to anyone home educating with a SEND child. So it is worth asking around in your area to see if there is something local.

Many areas have special schools that arrange after school or weekend activities, and in other areas it is coordinated by the local council. All councils by law have to maintain a register of disabled children. This is not to keep tabs on people, but to help plan services and it is confidential. That is, if you are not registered with the LA, you won't become 'known' to the LA though the disabled child register. With the increase in SEND children being home educated, it might be worth asking them if they could extend some of their activities to during the day for home educators.

Jennifer Skillen

Thomley Activity Centre for children with special needs: Home Ed days (x-posted)

Meet-ups for home educated children with special needs and their families at a specialist recreational activity centre.

This centre was set up by the parents of children with autism and has been very popular, with some families travelling long distances to use it. Throughout the year, the centre is usually open to home ed families as well as others. On the "Home Ed days" it is used exclusively by HE families. I've been to several of the home ed days and have enjoyed them very much. It feels like quite a luxury to have the entire huge site set aside for home ed families on these days. Staff are very understanding and accommodating, and keen to do whatever they can to make the visit enjoyable for the family.

The suggested donation is £6 per child for one or two children and £1 for each additional child in the family. Recommended donations are flexible and families will not be turned away if costs are prohibitive. Advance registration is required.

Thomley Activity Centre, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, Bucks HP18 9JZ. Tel. 01844 33838

<http://thomleyactivitycentre.org/visit-us/home-education-days/>

Home Ed days this term are Wednesdays 10-3:30pm as follows: 14 Sept, 28 Sept, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 23 Nov, 14 Dec. You can come for any days or part days you like, but need to let them know you will be coming.

Jennifer has been acting as an EO contact for Special Educational Needs and Disability for a year, and has given generously of her time and expertise both to support parents with SEND children and to keep EO information up to date. She is now retiring from the post, and trustees would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work. This has been much appreciated, and her place will be hard to fill!



NOTICES - NEWS - EVENTS

JOHN BETJEMAN POETRY COMPETITION

(Abridged from report by Justin Gowers
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Two home schooled children excelled in this year's John Betjeman Poetry Competition.

At a special awards ceremony held on 4th October at St Pancras International, patron Joanna Lumley presented highly commended entrants Madeleine and Gabriel with their prizes of £50 book tokens and a selection of books. Madeleine is to the right of Joanna Lumley in the photo. Gabriel is on the far right.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/multiplem4n/6214232002/sizes/m/in/set-721576\27699370511/>

The next John Betjeman Poetry Competition will be open for entries in March 2012. Please check the website www.betjemanpoetrycompetition.com for full details. We very much welcome entries from home schooled children.

LOOKING FOR SOME STRUCTURE/CURRICULUM IDEAS?

We're a group of home educating mums who have joined together to run this site for like-minded parents. Between us we have experience of a wide variety of curriculum available to home educators and in planning our own curriculums. We don't claim to be 'experts' but are more than willing to share our experiences with you all, so please ask away and if we can't answer there is usually someone on the forum who can! Here's our URL - <http://alittlebitofstructure.webs.com>

EO GATHERING – AGM OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

Coalbrookdale – 10th to 13th February 2012

One of the ideas that came out of the OCM/AGM in March 2011 was that EO should convene the next AGM as part of a weekend gathering – as used to be done until 2008. This has now been arranged ...

SO – WHAT HAPPENS AT AN EO GATHERING?

EO used to hold Gatherings throughout the country as social occasions, families would attend as a way of meeting home educators from across the UK and staying together in a hostel.

At a gathering cooking and cleaning is done on a communal basis using a rota (everyone volunteers where they feel most comfortable) and everyone eats together in the dining room. Special diets and allergies are catered for and we will be serving both meat and vegan options. Bedding is provided by the hostel but not towels. A limited number of cots are available for those who require them.

Coalbrookdale has lots of family rooms with ensuite facilities as well as a few eight-bed ensuite rooms for those wishing to share with friends. Parents are responsible for any children they bring while staying at the hostel. There are two disabled access rooms available but they are available on a first come, first served basis. So please book before Christmas if you require one or both of these rooms.

While no formal activities are arranged there some funds available for anyone with an interest or craft activity that they would like to share with other families. We're in the Ironbridge area so some families might like to go out for the day and explore the area. Or there is just hanging out in the hostel chatting to new friends, swapping stories, advice and sections of the weekend papers.

And of course we hope members will attend the Open Council Meeting and Annual General meeting that – again according to tradition – will be held at Coalbrookdale Hostel on Saturday during the gathering. We try to keep the cost to members as low as possible.

Please see EO business section for booking information. More information about the venue can be found at:

<http://www.yha.org.uk/find-accommodation/heart-of-england/hostels/Coalbrookdale/index.aspx>

Celia McDonagh for EO Trustees

COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES

Sarah Willans has resigned as a trustee but continues to support EO as webmaster. Trustees would like to thank her for her past contribution and very much appreciate her continuing work on the new website.

Nikki Mayow has resigned for personal reasons, and trustees would like to thank her for her contribution over the past year.

Andrew Kennell (Local Contact for Devon South/ Teignbridge) and Margaret Welles (Local Contact for Kent South) have been co-opted to bring Council up to the minimum number required under our current Memorandum & Articles of Association.

One-third of current trustees will stand down by rotation at the AGM in February. As co-opted trustees, Andrew and Margaret will be eligible to stand for election at the AGM in February. Members wishing to propose others for Council membership will need to complete a nomination form, and potential trustees to accept in writing. Forms are available on the website or via Publications Secretary.

SEND CONTACT

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Andrew is now acting as contact and hoping to build a support team for SEND – anyone with relevant experience is welcome to contact him (see inside back cover) particularly if you would be able to offer some support by telephone.

LOCAL GROUP INSURANCE FOR MEETINGS

Trustees have been investigating the possibility of setting up a group insurance scheme to cover local EO meetings. This has proved difficult, since insurance companies find it hard to understand the way EO groups operate, but we are in touch with one who seems to think it will be possible, and hope to be able to finalise details by the end of the year. Please check the website for updates.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have some time to spare, and would like to offer your skills and experience to help EO to run more smoothly and to improve the support we are able to give to members and home educators generally, please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Wendy Knight (see inside back cover). We're often in need of new Local Contacts, Helpline Volunteers, people to research/proof read/revise information leaflets, help with general administration ... let Wendy know your forte and she'll suggest where you might best make a contribution.

CONCESSIONS

The list of concessions is on the web site - the discount codes should be there too, in the member home area. We agreed with the companies it would be this way so that the discounts would only be available to genuine home ed families. However, the Concessions Booklet has not been updated for over a year, and we really need to increase the concessions team to cover this aspect, and to keep in touch periodically with organisations offering concessions to ensure that we have current information. It's also helpful if any member who negotiates a concession (whether local or national) would contact us so that this can be included. (see inside back cover for contacts)

EO BUSINESS cont.

AGM/OCM – 11th February 2012

An Open Council Meeting and Annual General meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale Hostel on Saturday during the EO Coalbrookdale Gathering 10th to 13th February 2012.

The standard AGM business is to present the accounts to members and to elect trustees/officers to replace those who have retired during the year or by rotation. In addition there may be special resolutions. Normally the AGM business takes less than an hour, although the Open Council Meeting may last the best part of the day. Further details will be circulated to members nearer the time.

EO Coalbrookdale Gathering
10th to 13th February 2012.

Members may attend for the meeting only, but if staying at the hostel will need to book in advance. Rates are shown below, but please request a booking form as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

Please give at least four weeks notice (by 13th Jan) of any special requirements. For disabled-access rooms please book before Christmas.

Children under 2 years old are free, if they don't require their own bed. Otherwise costs as follows:

For those staying one night only

Adult (18*) **£25** - Child (11+) **£12** - Child (2-10) **£8**

Anyone staying two nights or more

Adult (18*) **£17.50** - Child (11+) **£12** - Child (2-10) **£8**
all price are per night

This includes evening meal when you arrive, breakfast in the morning, lunch on Saturday and Sunday lunch if you are staying the whole weekend. A wide variety of drinks and snacks are available at any time.

For booking forms please contact
Celia McDonagh

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Postal requests (*please include stamped SAE*)

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AMAZON STORE

As we rapidly approach winter, the darker nights give us a chance to reflect upon our children's many achievements over the course of the last year. We can be especially proud of their educational advancement. This season is a time when we have new excitement, as we look forward to 2012.

The EO Amazon store has something to help you plan your New Year curriculum whether you're just starting out as a home educator or a seasoned pro. Our specially selected material provides support for Pre-school children all the way through to GCSE and A-Level. We have a wide range of workbooks, textbooks, games, DVDs and computer software; to help your students maximise their potential. We have suggestions to help you tackle a wide variety of subjects from the core elements of English, Maths and Science; to Music, Psychology, Languages and Environmental Studies.

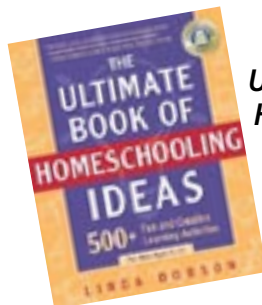
As well as our great selection of books we also have excellent educational toys, science kits, telescopes, crafts kits and games. We have some fresh new ideas too; see our great list of educational philosophies in our store.

We hope we can provide you with inspiration for your winter term, a New Year's resolution or a great gift for Christmas.

Perhaps 2012 will see your children learning a new language, exploring the wonders of science or experiencing the joy of a musical instrument.

Season's Greetings from EO Amazon.

Lyndsey Toon cl2005art@yahoo.co.uk



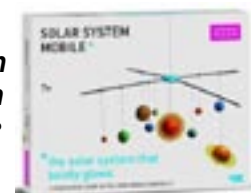
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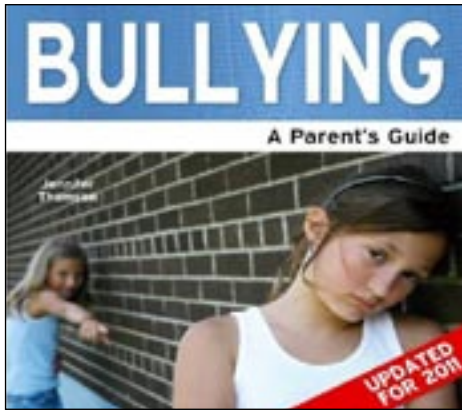
Book Reviews

We would love to hear about your favorite books! If you and your family have recently enjoyed a book and you would like to shout about it or you have found an invaluable home education resource and would like to share it with the wider community please don't hesitate to send in a review for the next newsletter.

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Happy reading!



Bullying, A Parent's Guide

By: **Jennifer Thomson**

ISBN: **978-1-86144-216-1**

Price: **£9.99**

Bullying is every parent's worst nightmare, no one wants their child to have to suffer at the hands of another. Knowing how to spot the signs of bullying and how to tackle it can be daunting and parents can often feel alone in their battle to combat the situation. *Bullying, A Parent's Guide* is an invaluable resource in helping parents deal with bullying of all types.

It is a clear and concise guide to not only help parents identify bullying but also to how to deal with it at all levels. The book also contains a comprehensive resource guide with addresses and websites of organizations that can help both parents and children. All in all this is an invaluable book that will help families all over the country.

Imagine

By: **Rachel Rivett**

ISBN: **978-0-7459-6208-5**

Price: **£6.99**



Imagine, the latest offering from Rachel Rivett is an exquisite book of prayers for young children. Each short and beautifully crafted prayer is linked in some way to nature and the lovely illustrations really help to bring the prayers to life. This is the perfect book to share as a family to introduce children to the concept of prayer and will be a welcome addition to family bookshelves everywhere. This lovely book is sure to become a classic.

Elsa Beskow ***Calendar 2012***

Illustrator: **Elsa Beskow**

ISBN: **978-086315-816-2**

Price: **£9.99**



This beautiful calendar will brighten up your wall for the whole year. Each month a scene from one of Elsa Beskow's delightful books. All major UK, Swedish and US holidays are marked on the calendar, making it the perfect way to keep track of all your activities in 2012.

We have one copy of the calendar to give away, to enter the free prize draw email your name and contact details to:
bookreviews@educationotherwise.org.

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

HErs – Please contact the group organiser for full details and to check that activities are ongoing. Note also that groups are not always run by EO members. Further information on the groups below is available via the Local Groups area of the EO website, and others will be added as and when their contact details have been verified.

If you know of a group that's not listed, please ask the organiser to enter it at www.education-otherwise.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 changes via the webmaster at www.education-otherwise.net

England

Bedfordshire

Bedfordshire Christian Home Ed

Scott and Rachel, scottandrachel@ntlworld.com

BedHed

An informal group of home educating families in and around Bedford. <http://bedhed.org.uk>

Busy B-Hes

Weekly drop-in session offering chats and support; activities. Pauline, 07791 850545, pauline@kc2001.fsnet.co.uk

Berkshire

Berkshire Home Educators

Meetings for families living in Berkshire and adjoining counties. uk.groups.yahoo.com/groups/berkshirehomeeducators/

Bristol

Bristol Home Education Learn Place (HELP)

Carla, 01179 354389. carla-maria@blueyonder.co.uk

Bristol Home Education

A local support group, Bristol area. <http://www.bristolhomeeducation.org.uk/>

Buckinghamshire

High Wycombe Home Educators

For all home educators in and around the High Wycombe area. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/highwycombehomeeducators/>

Home Education Milton Keynes

An informal, non-hierarchical group for home educators in Milton Keynes & surrounding areas. <http://www.he-mk.org.uk>, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MadCows-MK/join>

Milton Keynes Home Educators Network (MKHEN)

Educational and social activities and events, online support groups, mentoring, and an active relationship with the Local Authority. <http://www.mkhen.org.uk>
Georgianne Scott 01908 662256
sienna-swift7@powernet.co.uk mk_hen@hotmail.com

South Bucks Home Educators (& surrounding areas)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/southbuckshomeed>

MK-CHEF

HE support group for Milton Keynes. Affiliated to Home Service. but you do not need to be a Christian to join. <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/mk-chef>

Free Range Education

Range of educational events and activities in Milton Keynes and North Bucks. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freeranged/>
Sarah Whiteley, 01908 309903

Cambridgeshire

Cambridge Home Educating Community Activity List

Summary of sessions and regular groups in Cambridge. www.educationchoice.org.uk
Karen Rodgers, 01223 573220, karen@karenrodgers.co.uk

Cambridge Home Educating Families (CHEF)

A group of parents/carers who HE or are considering HE. <http://www.cambridgehomeeducators.org.uk/>
Morag Nevey, 01223 464918, morag2000@hotmail.com

East of England

East Anglian HE Network (Suffolk. Norfolk. Essex. Cambridgeshire) <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/East-Anglian-Home-Ed-Network/>

Cheshire

Mid Cheshire Home Educators

Bi-monthly meetings and regular outings. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mche>

South Cheshire Home Educators

<http://www.southcheshirehe.btck.co.uk/>
Jacqui, southcheshirehe@gmail.com

Cornwall

Cornwall Home Educators

A group of dedicated and enthusiastic home educators from across Cornwall - <http://cornwallhomeed.wordpress.com/about/>

PZ Home Ed

Meets Monday p.m. for workshop during term time. Ruth 01736 350887 ruthboulton@phonecoop.coop

Home Grown, S E Cornwall (nr. Liskeard)

HEGroup - Drama & Spanish . Katherine Revell 01752 851091.

Cumbria

Cumbria Home Educators

Meets fortnightly near Kendal and in Penrith. Trips and interesting activities around Cumbria and further afield <http://www.communigate.co.uk/lakes/cumbriahomeed/>

Derbyshire

Derby Home Education Group (DHEG)

Meets weekly. Gym club, fun physical movement and team games at a sports centre with an instructor. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/derbyhe/>

Home Ed Buxton Area

Local meetings and activities. We also welcome those who are thinking about educating elsewhere than at school. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeedbuxtonarea>

Matlock HE

Local meetings and activities. We also welcome those who are thinking about educating elsewhere than at school. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/matlockhe>

Devon

Home Grown Kids

Website, activities, forum and newsletters HE/flexischools or interested in HE. <http://homegrownkids.wetpaint.com/>
Jo, 08445 868843 northdevon-lc@educationotherwise.org.

Exeter Home Education Community

Wednesday drop-in; GCSE; green woodwork, permaculture, pottery & more <http://exeterhomeeducationcommunity.co.uk>
Neil, 01363 82314, n.bedford@btinternet.com

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

Dart Valley Home Ed Network

Out and about visits: natural history, history, photography and more. Members-only internet group.
Hannah and Gordon, 01803 762788, lindnich@tesco.net

Teignbridge HE Group

Informal social and educational meetings in Teignbridge and surrounding areas. Andrew & Denise, andrew.denise@hotmail.co.uk

Buckfastleigh Wildspace

Nature study and gardening group based at Buckfastleigh Town hall. Welcomes HE families.
<http://www.hogco-devonrcc.org.uk/index.asp?pageid=279900>

South Devon Home Education Group

<http://www.southdevonhomeeducation.co.uk/>
Helen, 01803 390639, helenlloyd-hoare@blueyonder.co.uk

Teignbridge and Torbay Home Educators

Social events and educational visits
<http://www.teignbridgeandtorbayhe.co.uk>
Julia Pollard, 07905 293223, Julia@classroomfree.co.uk

Dorset

HEED (Bournemouth/Poole)

Weekly Monday meetings
Carol 01202 677066, carolstonehe@yahoo.co.uk.

Home Educators of East Dorset (covers all Dorset)

Website with details of various groups meeting in Dorset.
<http://www.he-ed.org.uk>.

Durham

Yahoo group for County Durham

Get-togethers are often arranged between members in various areas of County.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/County-durham-homeed>

Essex

Haverhill HE group

Covering South Suffolk/North Essex
Eve. 01440 788228 or 07768 763913 wixde@yahoo.co.uk

Southend HE Group

Meets weekly. Lots of outings and activities
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southendhomeeducation/.southendhomeeducation@yahoo.co.uk>.

Portsmouth Home Education Group

Group HE or interested in HE, in & around Portsmouth.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/portsmouthhomeed/>

SEEDS

1 full day activity a week & frequent other activities, Southampton.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/seeds1/>

WIGWAM Epping Forest

A weekly informal drop-in group.
Eleanor Stapleton, 07866 701442, elmajose2@yahoo.co.uk

Gloucestershire

GlosHE.org.uk

HE links and local resources in and around Gloucestershire.
<http://www.gloshe.org.uk/>

Cirencester and Cotswold group

Meetings. plus will answer HE queries.
Pam Perryman, 01285 721008 pamela.perryman@gmail.com

Stroud email list

Nick. 01453 840036, nick.weir@localfood.org.uk

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

Forest of Dean HE group

Bridge and dam building, river clearance, fire building, woodland walks, etc. Roxy.cdsnhf@googlemail.com

Glos Otherwise Club

Fiona.01684 290087 brookesfam@tiscali.co.uk
Beverley. 01242 524091

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

North Hampshire EO Group

Regular activities and meetings organised suitable for all ages.
<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/NHEO/>
Jaki. 07731 805323, jakiparsons@yahoo.com

Hampshire FRHEBEEES

Free Range & Home Educated Bees. West Hampshire area and borders to arrange meet ups and activities.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FRHEBees/>

The Isle of Wight Learning Zone

A network of HE families based in I of W.
<http://www.iwlearningzone.co.uk/>

Herefordshire

Monmouth and Herefordshire Home Educators

Local meets and events. Yahoo! group. Roxy, 01989 768128.

Hereford Home Education

Indoor and outdoor facilities, ages 3-15. herefordhe@gmail.com

Hertfordshire

Herts Home Educators

Yahoo! group for Hertfordshire home educators.
newhomeeducators@gmail.com

Isle of Man

Isle of Man Home Educating Network

An informal group of parents home educating on the Isle of Man.
<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/hen-iom/>
Yvonne.isleofmanlc@educationotherwise.org

Kent

Dragonfly Kidz HE Group.(Canterbury & Thanet)

Social group meeting at a Youth Centre with Dance studio, art room, pool tables etc.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dragonflykidzhomeeducationgroup/>
Andrea, 07737 806478 or 01304 619278
Steph Gater, 01304 814362, stephgater@rocketmail.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-kent>

HE Omega

A group of home educating families in Medway and Kent.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HE-omega/>
Tracey, 07947 301327, chaggasbug@gmail.com

Wealden Home Educators' Network

Active network of HE families in the SE of England.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wealdenhomeeducatorsnetwork/>

Home Education Network for Autism in Kent

Meets fortnightly for parents home-educating children on the autism spectrum. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Home_Education_Network_for_Autism_in_Kent/

Lancashire

Home Ed Leyland (and surrounding districts)

Friendship help, support and advice for all families who are home-educating (or considering HE) in Leyland
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/he-l-lo/>

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

Boneheds

Help, support, advice and friendship to all families who are home educating (or considering HE) in Bolton, Lancashire and the surrounding districts. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/boneheds/>

LEAD Home Education

A chance to swap ideas, share stories and arrange local social gatherings. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lead_he/

Burnley & East Lancs Home School Support Group

Support for parents, activities for children. <http://www.emica.co.uk>
Alyas Khan, 07912 283450, alyaskhan@emica.co.uk

Leicestershire

Syston HE

A fun and lively group for the under 10s.
Vikku, vikkiandmartin@googlemail.com

Lincolnshire

North Hykeham HE Group

Thurs 10-11.30ish. Primarily for toddlers.
07870 787328, debi-crow@googlemail.com

Home Ed Lincs

Yahoo newsgroup coordinating home education activities in Lincolnshire. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/home_ed_lincs/

Lincolnshire Home Education.

<http://www.home-ed.ukf.net/index.htm>

London

The Otherwise Club (NW)

A community centre for HE families. Leslie, 020 8969 0893.

Woodland Club, Dulwich

Age 8-teen. Science, Maths, English, speakers, social afternoon.
Gina: 020 8299 1135.

Monday Study Group

Dulwich. Age 11-16. Maths, English and Science to GCSE.
Gina, 020 8299 1135

Magpie Home Educators (East London)

Phil, 020 8500 1053.

Haringey Home Education Club

Meetings and other events.
<http://www.hhec.org.uk/>, contact@hhec.org.uk

Adventures with Education (Hackney)

<http://awe.gn.apc.org/>

London Home Educators

An online, moderated group providing information and resources to home educating families living in and around Central London.
<https://groups.google.com/group/LondonHE?hl=en>

Brandram Roaders

Weekly meetings in term time. rubyradburn@hotmail.com

Home Study Groups

A small group of home educating families pooling resources to form tutored home study groups.
Ingie Berrett, 02035 668706, iberritt@gmail.com

WIGWAM (Jubilee Park N9)

Informal drop-in group for families with children of any age.
Eleanor Stapleton, 07866 701442, elmajose2@yahoo.co.uk

Norfolk

Home Education in Norfolk (HENS)

A group for HE families. Those on the borders also welcome.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeeducatorsnorfolk/>

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

West Norfolk Home Educators

A meeting place for home educators and families interested in home educating.
<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/WestNorfolkHomeEducators/>

Northamptonshire

Northants HE

Informal group, meets regularly for various activities.
<http://www.northantshe.org.uk/>

Nottinghamshire

Notts Sheep Special (Nottinghamshire & bordering counties)

Online support group for HE parents of special needs/differently-abled children.
http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Notts_Sheep-Special/

Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire Home Educators.

A group for all home educators living in Oxfordshire, but those in neighbouring counties are also welcome to join.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OxonHE/>

Shropshire

Otherwise Engaged

Online diary of group activities, cultural events, workshops, resources and projects for Shropshire and West Midlands based HE families.
<http://www.otherwise-engaged.org.uk/home-education.html>

Shropshire Home Education

For HERS in Shropshire area to chat, arrange meets etc.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shed>

Rushbury/Stretton HE Group

Parent and child-led activities as well as people from the wider community.
Beverley, 01743 718429. Maria. 01588 630314.

Telford area HE activities

For times and dates of skating, football and drama sessions.
Denise, 07866 888879.

Somerset

Wells Swimming Group

Weekly swimming, Wells Leisure Centre, term time only.
Lesley. 01749 689241, mumfordturner@hotmail.com

Oake HE Group

Monthly meetings and regular outings.
Maggie. 01984 624651.

North Somerset HE Group

Weekly children's gym, walks, outings, etc.
Yahoo! group for members.
Vicky. 01275 848425 victoria.preston@yahoo.co.uk

FAB Home Ed Group (Shepton Mallett)

Meets fortnightly at Shepton Mallet Scout Hut. Also FAB Times (local email newsletter). Mandy, 01749 347799.

Bath HE Yahoo! Group

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/BathHomeEducation/>

Suffolk

Tostock HE Group

All families welcome to this very friendly group.
Jan, 01359 251184. angusto@btinternet.com.

Dennington HE Group

Wide range of activities, all ages welcome.
Janet, 01728 638795, janetlomas@ymail.com
Meraylah, meraylah@meraylah.co.uk

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

Ipswich town centre group

Lisa, 07538 102322, llw_llg@yahoo.co.uk

Book Club - Ipswich town centre

Lisa, 07538 102322, llw_llg@yahoo.co.uk

Ipswich Wednesdays

Shared lunch and activities. Emma, emma@nattyem.co.uk

Surrey

Godalming HE Group

A group for HE families based in South West Surrey and the surrounding area. <http://swsurrey-home-ed.co.uk>

Sutton/Epsom HE group

Meets weekly, and also monthly for outings. <http://epsomandsuttonhomeed.blogspot.com/>
Paul, 07506 781796, pauldmsn@hotmail.com

HomeEddies. Covers West and East of Surrey

Support, friendship, social get togethers, activities, clubs and classes <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeeddieswest-eastssurrey/>

Home Educators Learning Project

Aims to bring together Surrey based home educators for educational support, social and educational outings. <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/HELearningProject/>

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

Guildford & surrounding areas newsletter for one-off events and regular weekly activities. <http://www.pact-he.org.uk/>

SW Surrey Home Ed

Weekly gatherings alternating between Farnham and Godalming. <http://www.swsurrey-home-ed.co.uk/index.php>

Somerset

Taunton Home Education Group

Free play as well as arts & crafts, games, various other activities. <http://tauntonhomeed.blogspot.com/>,
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tauntonhomeeducation/>
tauntonhomeeducation@yahoo.com

Sussex

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/>

Forest Row HE Group

regular monthly meetings + fun & learning groups at many other times. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FRHE/>

HEDGE Home Ed Group

Hastings/St. Leonard. weekly social meetings + trips etc. www.hedge-education.btck.com - Catherine, 01424 812213

South Eastern Home Educators

<http://www.southeast-home-educators.co.uk>

Warwickshire

Warwick District HE

Primarily for children 0-11 though all welcome. Warwick and Leamington. <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/warwickhe>
Alison, 07782 299181.

Creative Youth Adventure Club (Coventry)

For over 11's working towards Arts Awards. Sarah, sarah@nellyb.co.uk

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

Worcestershire Home Educators Network

Meetings usually at least weekly throughout term time at various locations round the county <http://www.worcestershire-home-educators.co.uk/>

Wiltshire

The Outpost Education Centre

Located near Chippenham. Group activities, education workshops, trips, tutoring, events and projects. <http://www.theoutpost.org.uk/info@theoutpost.org.uk>

Worcestershire

Bewdley HE Group

Weekly meetings, all welcome. Sophie, 01299 405669, sophie.butcher34@yahoo.com

Worcestershire Home Ed Yahoo Group

Email list for those home educating in Worcestershire. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/worcestershirehome-ed/>

Forest School (Bodenham Arboretum, Kidderminster)

For all HE families. Sophie, 01299 405669, sophie.butcher34@yahoo.com

Yorkshire

Yorkshire Home Edders Yahoo! group

A friendly group for HE throughout the Yorkshire region. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yorkshirehomedders/>

NYHEC (group for HE parents)

Group for parents He-ing in North Yorkshire. nyhec-owner@yahoo.com

Yorkshire North + West HE Group

Meets Skipton monthly and Bradford Gym Club weekly. Regular meetings and outings. Judith, 01756 791356.

SYHEC

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

Huddersfield Book Group

Monthly, Marsden library. Jane, 01484 645034.

Huddersfield Art Workshops

Monthly, 8yrs plus. Jane, 01484 645034; Mandy, 01484 460026.

Huddersfield Home Educators

Monthly themed meetings. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wyhec/>
Mandy, 01484 460026, meandchi7@yahoo.co.uk.

England Regional

South East

ActiveEO

Monthly newsletter with weekly events for group members home educating in the Chichester, Bognor Regis, Havant, Portsmouth and Petersfield areas. <http://www.activeo.co.uk/index.html> - Julie, 01243 552472

South Hants Home Ed

A support group for home educators. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southhantshomeed/>

FLAGS.(Kent/Surrey/Sussex)

Active group meeting weekly during term time. <http://www.flags-education.org>
Karen, 01732 864524, karenlow@uwclub.net.

South East Home Educators (Kent/Sussex)

Meet regularly for trips etc. To join Yahoo! group, email: southeasthomeeducators-subscribe@yahoo.com <http://www.southeast-home-educators.co.uk>

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

Home-EASE (Home Education for all South East)

Group of HE families in South-East England.
0753 1677, 083 - homeeducatingmum@yahoo.co.uk

South West

Home Education Centre (Devon/Dorset/Somerset)

Meets two days a week. Workshops, sports, activities and support.
<http://www.homeeducationcentre.org.uk>

Contacts and Events SW

A home education network for the SW, specifically set up to support new Hers, or those new to the area. New input welcomed.
andrew.denise@hotmail.co.uk

East Midlands

East Midlands Home Ed Yahoo! Group

forum to help inform and support families in the East Midlands.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/oup/emhe>

West Midlands

Birmingham Home Ed

Contact and events for HE families.
<http://www.homeeducationbirmingham.org.uk>

East of England

FAREGOS Home Education Group

HE group/email list covering Fareham. Gosport and South Hants.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FareGosHE/>

Wales

Carmarthenshire

North Carmarthen HE Group

Meetings for friendship & play.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ncarmarthenhomeed>

Camarthen HE Group

Regular meetings in Johnstown, Carmarthen.
[Caroline, milburn@yahoo.com](mailto:Caroline,milburn@yahoo.com)

Denbighshire

Froncysyllte HE group

Fortnightly group meets 10-4pm. Social play and chat.
vivodsam@gmail.com.

Flintshire

Flintshire Home Education

Regular meet ups, activities, support.
flintshirehomeeducation@yahoo.co.uk.

Glamorgan

New Foundations HE

Meets Cardiff, Thursdays 10-4. All activities are free.
<http://www.newfoundationshe.com>
02920216502, newfoundationshe@virginmedia.com.

Bridgend Home Education Group

The group is free and families from across South Wales are welcome. <http://www.bridgendhomeeducators.org>
Rachel, hctaremagill@aol.com

Newport Home Education Group

Rogerstone 1-4pm, £4/family.
Fiona, fionataylor910@btinternet.com

Gwynedd

Tregarth Creative Learning and Support

Regular meetings, free weekly newsletter of events via email.
<http://www.creativelearningandsupport.co.uk>
Julie, 01286 678181, jdchapmanmaurice@aol.com

Langower HE Group

Weekly meetings. rowenna73@hotmail.com

LOCAL HOME EDUCATION GROUPS

Monmouthshire

Monmouth Home Educators

Meets at Rockfield Community Centre.
Roxy, 01989 768128, cdsnhf@googlemail.com

South Wales Home Educators Network

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

Montgomeryshire

Shiny Happy Children

Regular meetings in Llanfyllin and surrounding areas.
Katie, llanfyllinHE@gmail.com

Neath Port Talbot

Wise Up Community HE Group (Port Talbot)

Support and information for home educating families and those considering home education.
<http://www.zoneseven.co.uk.ianna.violet@hotmail.com>

Powys

New Leaf HE Group (Newtown)

Occasional meetings for varied activities. all ages.
siouxcatsy@yahoo.co.uk

Wrexham and Surrounds Home Education (WASHE)

Activities around Wrexham area. <http://washe.co.uk/>

Wales Regional

Elective Home Education Wales

Linking HE families across Wales. <http://www.ehew.co.uk>

Monmouth/Hereford/Gloucester

For information about group activities in these areas contact local EO member Roxy.
Roxy, 01989 768128, cdsnhf@googlemail.com

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>

Yahoo group (private-by invitation).

Anita Kolaczynska, 01686 413502, anitakolaczynska@yahoo.co.uk



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Education Otherwise is a membership organisation which provides support and information for families whose children are being educated outside school, and for those who wish to uphold the freedom of families to take proper responsibility for the education of their children.

Our principal aims are to:

- encourage learning outside the school system;
- reaffirm that parents have primary responsibility for their children's education and that they have the right to exercise this responsibility by educating them out of school;
- establish the primary right of children to have full consideration given to their wishes and feelings about their education;
- promote knowledge, understanding and acceptance of education otherwise than at school in the world at large.

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