

# Men in Early Years

## Southampton Area Group

### Notes from meeting, Tue 4th June 2013

The following actions / suggestions were agreed -

**Logo** — Gary will investigate the feasibility of City College students producing a logo for the group and any publicity materials, eg a “pull-up” banner for events. We are not looking to promote any single organisation. If anyone is willing to volunteer for a promotional photo, contact Gary. We felt it would be good to have positive images of men working with children.

**Schools work** — to aim for September to go into schools to talk to children about their career choices and to promote Men in Early Years as a career option. This could include tutorials, assemblies and careers events. It was noted that staffing sessions will need to be matched to availability, particularly during the working day. If you are interested in supporting this venture, let Gary or David know, with some idea of general availability eg evenings only.

Gary has connections with St George’s School. David will investigate the careers contacts for other schools.

**Mentoring** — It would be useful to have a list of names / contacts of anyone willing to provide support to new male practitioners. This could be email, face-to-face, text or mobile as appropriate.

**Other Groups** — Gary is in contact with a group in Scotland and their activities. David is linked to a group in London. He will attend a future meeting of theirs. In general, we agreed it would be beneficial to build an informal network, to learn from and to support one another. For example, any promotional resources could be shared across all groups.

We will all continue to use our contacts to promote this group and extend awareness.

**Next Meeting: 7pm Wednesday 3rd July 2013**

at City College, Chapel Road, Southampton SO14 5GL

*(meet at reception)*

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