

CURBS? Children in URBan Situations

We have been developing resources and training for urban church-linked children's workers for over twelve years.

Our approach to working with children marries up three important strands:

- ★ children's spirituality
- ★ the way children develop
- ★ the urban context

We recognise the key importance of starting in the child's world, earning the right to be heard and building quality relationships.

INTERESTED ?

Write or email Kathryn giving brief details of your experience, your current role with children and why you would be interested in this programme. She will then send you an application form. You will also need to have a valid CRB certificate.

If you would like more information or the opportunity to chat further about what is involved, email or ring Kathryn.

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THE TEAM ?

This will include:

- Kathryn Copsy
(CURBS Project Leader)
- Jean Elliott
(Waltham Forest Deanery
Children's Dev'tment Worker)
- Martyn Payne
(Trainer, Barnabas Team, BRF)
- Cathie Smith
(Children's worker; Lifecoach)



CURBS UNPACKED

*A unique, hands-on
reflective learning
programme for those
working with children
in church-linked settings*

shadowing

learning by doing

coaching

being alongside

interactive

apprenticeship

growing together

reflecting together



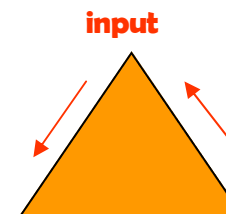
UNIQUE ? HANDS-ON ? REFLECTIVE ?

IT'S UNIQUE because:

- it's not about doing training but about producing people
- it's learning that grows and develops as you grow and develop
- it's about helping you to recognise and value what you're already doing with children - and building your self esteem
- it's about changing attitudes
- it's 'transformational' learning: it transforms the learner

IT'S HANDS-ON and REFLECTIVE because:

- it's a type of learning that involves action research; there is input, then hands-on work, then reflection



- We put the input into practice then return to reflect on it

A LEARNING PROGRAMME ?

Together we want to 'unpack' the key aspects of the CURBS' approach.* We believe these are really important for the way we understand children and the way we work with them. We want to think about issues such as:

- ☺ what it means to be made in God's image
- ☺ how we can meet a child's hunger for recognition
- ☺ spirituality as a springboard to faith
- ☺ the impact of shame and of disowning needs
- ☺ the church as a 'healthy village'
- ☺ how we can develop a child-centred attitude
- ☺ recognising and responding to coping strategies
- ☺ how we help a child to feel 'seen'

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WHO'S IT FOR ?

This course is for those working with children who have already had a good deal of practical experience and who want to develop their understanding of issues further. It is not a course in basic children's work skills.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

- Commitment to a one year programme meeting for six Saturdays during the year (once every two months) for input and reflection times.
- Participation in 6 hands-on sessions to include one all-age event plus two different types of activities, eg, holiday club, after school club, Sunday/midweek group. These placements will be held at CURBS-linked activities, primarily in East London.
- Cost: £75 for the year; if you or your church can't afford this, please talk with us—we may be able to help.