



# Family Learning in Focus - 2019

## Exploring Approaches to Family Learning

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*The Family Learning in Focus Event was hosted this year at Bertha Park High School, which is a brand new, state of the art secondary school, with fabulous facilities and cutting edge technology.*

*Tayside and Fife CLD Professional Learning Alliance organised the event that brought together 86 CLD and Education practitioners from across Tayside and Fife to share good practice and hear about some interesting approaches to Family Learning.*

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## Morning Speakers

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*Our event was opened by Sheena Devlin, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services at Perth & Kinross Council, and chair of Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative. Sheena spoke*

*about improving the lives of children and families through collaboration. 'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.'*

*Our second speaker was Nicky Murray, who spoke passionately about his school's approach to health and wellbeing, making sure that the school was truly working in partnership with the parents and carers. By using innovative ideas and approaches, they have been able to demonstrate real impact and change. You can view Nicky's full talk [here](#).*

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**"I liked the talk from the Head Teacher of Burnside school"**

## Workshops

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*Throughout the day, attendees were welcomed to participate in workshops, each of which had a different focus and theme. There were 10 workshops for participants to choose from.*

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"I enjoyed the variety of workshops"



*1 - Mindfulness has been used as a tool to support parents in the Kirkcaldy area. This workshop gave participants an opportunity to hear about the way mindfulness has been introduced and the impact it has on families.*





*2 - The Interactive Lego Mindstorms workshop focused on the future world of work. Lego Mindstorms EV3 is a programmable brick made by Lego Education, which comes with a large and small motor, as well as different sensors. The brick can be used to create a range of different objects (eg. Cars, cranes, etc). Once the brick has been built, it can be programmed using the Lego Education iPad app to do different tasks.*





*3 - Learning without Walls: Working with Dads and Bairns in outdoor spaces.*

*The workshop focused on a family learning project with Dads and Bairns at a community allotment in the East of Dundee. The emphasis of the workshop was learning together and connecting with nature and the outdoors. In the workshop, and explored the importance of creating exclusive places for family learning with Dads and the benefits of working outdoors.*



4 - Bristle-Bots can encourage STEM within family learning. Participants learned how to make a simple bristle-bot robots without the need for expensive equipment and computers.

### "The workshops were both very informative (and fun!)"

The Bertha Park Way

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*Bertha Park High School is Scotland's newest secondary school which opened its doors to young people in August 2019. Staff have had a unique opportunity to build a culture in which the health and wellbeing of learners and staff have been integral in the planning. This workshop shared their experience, focusing on the training for staff, developing the culture and designing a school day which supports young people's Health and Wellbeing. Find out more [here](#).*

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### "I enjoyed learning about the Bertha Park Way "

Solihull Approach

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*This workshop gave participants an overview of the Solihull Understanding Your Child (UYC) parent programme and how it is being successfully implemented across Scotland, with a focus on the North Lanarkshire partnership and HMP Shotts UYC programmes.*

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"I enjoyed the Solihull workshop, and networking with partners"

## Lunchtime Discussions









## Afternoon Presentation

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*Participants enjoyed an informative and engaging presentation from Ann and Gary from Dundee University. The presentation explored an issues based approach to Family Learning, and encouraged participants to reflect and discuss how this could be implemented. You can view the talk by Ann and Gary [here](#).*

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### "I liked the afternoon talk by Ann and Gary"





