

Action for Children's Arts Conference 2012



PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST

National well-being, children and the arts

19 June 2012

Unicorn Theatre, London

ACA members £75

Non-members £95

To book, telephone Unicorn Theatre box office
020 7645 0560

PROGRAMME

- 10.30 Registration
- 11.00 Welcome and introduction – **David Wood OBE**, Chair, ACA
Opening remarks – **Lynne Reid Banks**, ACA Patron
- 11.15 **Children's well-being and the arts**
Chaired by **Sharon Hodgson MP**, Shadow Minister for Children and Families
How concerned should we be as a nation about our children's well-being?
In what ways do the arts contribute to children's well-being?
What are the implications for policy?
Dr Maggie Atkinson, Children's Commissioner for England
Dr Pam Burnard, Faculty of Education, Cambridge University
Elaine Hindal, Director, Campaign for Childhood, Children's Society
Tom McCall OBE, Chief Executive, Newry & Mourne District Council
Dr Roger Morgan OBE, Children's Rights Director, England
Questions and discussion

- 12.15 **Children's arts**
Chaired by **Jocelyn Stevenson**, Children's Media Foundation
Practitioners highlight their concerns – three things that would make a difference.
Will Brenton, Wish Films
Kate Cross, the egg
Tony Reekie, Imagineate
Penny Hay, 5x5x5=creativity
Questions and discussion.
- 1.00 **Lunch**
- 2.00 Introduction – **Vicky Ireland MBE**, Vice-Chair, ACA
Video address – **Sir Ken Robinson**, ACA Patron
- 2.15 **Putting children first**
Chaired by **Philip Spedding**, Director, Arts & Business
Response to ACA's conference paper
How well does our cultural policy meet the needs of children?
How well do our flagship cultural organisations meet the needs of children?
How should mainstream cultural organisations programme work for children?
How should children's arts be funded?
Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Children & Young People, Scottish Government
Peter Duncan, ACA Patron
Rhian Hutchings, Director, WNO MAX, Welsh National Opera
Mike Kenny, playwright
Aideen McGinley, Chief Executive, ilex
Questions and discussion.
- 3.35 **Guest speaker**
Michael Morpurgo
- 3.50 Summing up – **David Wood OBE**, Chair, ACA
- 4.00 Refreshments and networking
- 4.30 Close



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