



Attitude is Everything

This is a three year project working with Early Years settings that has been developed out of the pilot project using Persona Dolls called Dolls Defying Discrimination.

The project will identify how existing practice at 3 settings can be adapted to put in place the values and attitudes that need to be nurtured for successful Global Citizens of the future.

Meadow Nursery, at Surestart Millmead, Seashells Sheerness Neighbourhood Nursery and Sheperdswell Pre-School are all taking part.

Persona Dolls will again be a major vehicle for delivering diversity, equality and inclusion issues. Each setting will have its own dolls to work with. Work with the Dolls will be supplemented by other Development Education methodologies using artefacts and story.



Researchers at the University of Kent will be looking at the impact of this project on the children, and action research by individual practitioners will evaluate the project on the setting and staff.

Dolls Defying Discrimination

This user-friendly handbook has developed from a project investigating the effectiveness of using Persona Dolls to promote Global Citizenship in Early Years education. The aim is to give Early Years practitioners, in nurseries, pre-schools and infant classes ideas on how to promote positive messages about diversity with young children and provides a framework for introducing and dealing with concepts such as being different.

Included in this colourfully illustrated handbook are case studies from a range of Early Years settings in East Kent where practitioners are using Persona Dolls. The dolls and the stories they tell provide an enjoyable and non-threatening way to implement anti-discriminatory policies and practice. Through their identification with the dolls children are helped to see the injustice of the situations being presented to them.

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