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SURF Open Forum:

“How Can We Make More Effective Early Interventions in Vulnerable Communities to Deliver Long-Term Regeneration?”

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmsctech/44/4405.htm>

The Benefit of Early Interventions for Children from Socially and Economically Deprived Backgrounds: The Research Evidence. Prof Paul Connolly, School of Education, Queen’s University Belfast (May 2009).

PowerPoint presentation given at Bernardo’s seminar in Dublin; ‘Written off? Failure to Invest in Education Deprives Children of their Potential’. Offers ‘five key lessons’ from the research evidence.

http://www.paulconnolly.net/publications/pdf_files/Barnardos_Dublin_Talk_2009.pdf

Web portal: National dissemination Centre for Children with Disabilities (USA)

Website provides fairly basic but concise and informative introduction-level material, and provides a portal onto more advanced dimensions of early intervention work.

<http://www.nichcy.org/babies/Pages/Default.aspx>

Avoiding long-term incapacity for work: Developing an early intervention in primary care. Scoping paper by Prof John Campbell et al. Peninsula Medical School for DWP (Health & Wellbeing) (Dec 2007)

Sickness related absence from work represents a major problem for the UK economy. For individuals affected, prolonged absences are associated with major adverse effects for the individual and their family. Research represents a brief scoping study on how a pilot, concentrating on a primary care led intervention in health and work, might look, and how it could be evaluated with the greatest value to policy makers in government and the NHS.

<http://www.workingforhealth.gov.uk/documents/developing-an-early-intervention-in-primary-care.pdf>

Early Childhood Intervention Australia – Pauline McGregor memorial congress address (Oct 2008)

In this inaugural address Christine Johnston spoke of ‘robust hope’ and how a home for early childhood intervention might be found in the changing early years landscape. She suggested that solutions to the problems faced by both early childhood intervention and mainstream early childhood services are essentially the same: what we need are more supportive and inclusive communities, more supportive and inclusive services, and an improved interface between communities and services, making them more responsive to the existing and emerging needs of children and families.

<http://www.rch.org.au/emplibrary/ccch/ECIA-NatConf08-McGregorAddress-paper.pdf>

Deprivation and risk: the case for early intervention – Action for Children (2009)

This report is part of a series by Action for Children on the overriding importance of intervening as early as we can to support our most vulnerable children and their families. The deprivation these families experience is deeper and more complex than poverty alone, and the belief at the heart of this work is therefore that fiscal help alone will not stop their problems from being passed on through the generations. Deprivation and risk: the case for early intervention is about the direct impact of deprivation on the lives of children and their families. The report sets out case studies of young peoples experiences of deprivation and the positive impact early intervention has had on their lives and their futures.

<http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/uploads/media/36/9432.pdf>

Backing the Future: Why investing in Children is good for us all – Action for Children in Partnership with NEF .

Backing the Future presents the economic and social case for transforming the way we invest in the future of society, in the UK, through our children. The report argues that there is a need for a comprehensive investment programme in preventative services for children and young people that would both save spending on dealing with the impact of problems later, and deliver wider benefits to society. Backing the Future demonstrates why it is essential to address the impact of the structural factors affecting the circumstances of children's lives, such as poverty and inequality, together with psychological and social dimensions of their well-being.

<http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/content.aspx?CategoryID=561>

Early years and early intervention : a joint Scottish Government and COSLA policy statement (Sept. 2008)

This joint Scottish Government and COSLA policy statement provides an early years framework, a commitment from both local and national government to break the cycle of inequalities experienced in Scotland. The paper sets out a commitment to break this cycle via prevention and early intervention. The aim of this policy statement is to give every child in Scotland the best start in life.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/14121428/0>

Web Portal: Engaging with Scottish Local Authorities : Sharing knowledge: building impact

A brief outline of the Child Poverty knowledge exchange programme carried out by University of Strathclyde in partnership with West Dunbartonshire Council, Glasgow City Council, Save the Children-Scotland. The project is looking to coordinate service provision, improving life chances for young people in severe poverty.

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/engage/projects/childpoverty/>

Afternow Project

Website for the University of Glasgow based Afternow project which asks, What's next for the health of Society? The website provides podcasts, papers and videos surrounding this topic.

<http://www.afternow.co.uk/>

NB. An electronic version of this paper, which may be more convenient for following links, is available for download from the SURF website.

www.scotregen.co.uk (navigate to Knowledge Centre, event reports, open forums)

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