





**Children’s Centre Partnership Board Meeting**

**9th February, 2017**

**King Charles Centre, Surbiton**

The Toddler Well-Being (ToWe) Research Project continues to develop.

The project, involving sharing of expertise with international early years partners in Norway and Barcelona, has enabled 2 of our Children's Centre teams - Heathfield and KMBES, together with our Moor Lane Day Nursery team, to utilise materials and further develop their practice with particular focus on supporting toddlers’ well-being.

At the end of January, 2017, A McGee, AfC Lead, attended a transnational meeting in Norway with Helen Sutherland, Project Lead from Kingston University and international project partners. Progress to date was shared by all partners and it was interesting to learn from each other about the flexible way in which the materials had been utilised and the impact of these materials.

Job Shadowing visits were also arranged between March to May for all practitioners involved in the project, with Kingston and AfC hosting the first visit in March.

From April onwards, the findings and best practice from the project will be shared with all Children's Centre staff as we embark upon our new Children’s Centre Service model.

This is an exciting opportunity for AfC to demonstrate that early years practice is continually developing, that in addition to sharing their own best practice, our practitioners are keen to further develop their knowledge, skills and reflective practice. We can also show the benefits of this for children and families.

We very much look forward to the forthcoming job shadowing opportunities and to further sharing of expertise across AfC later this year.

ToWe to feature as Agenda Item at next CCPB in May 2017

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