

Useful Home Education Organisations

Home Education Information and Support

Education Otherwise

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URL: www.education-otherwise.org

... The largest home-based education support network in the UK, benefiting many thousands of families since the charity was established over 25 years ago. EO provides support and information for families whose children are being educated outside school and for those who wish to uphold the freedom of families to take proper responsibility for the education of their children. EO offers: local support networks; advisors for special educational needs, school-induced anxiety etc.; newsletters; a contact list; publications; list of museums etc offering reduced rates to members.

EO Campaign Website Home Page

www.freedomforchildrentogrow.org/

Follow this link to sign up for rss feed and email notification of updates to the news page:

www.freedomforchildrentogrow.org/update.php

... Education Otherwise Government Policy Group set up the EO campaign website in early 2007. It gives up to date information on how the activities

of various Government departments might affect home educators in

England. The EO Campaign Site also gives information about EO Government Policy Group activities. This site is where you will find what you need to know in order to preserve home education freedoms. The site has special features on building positive working relationships with local authorities, home educating single parents, what happens when our home educated children become teenagers, how home educators can get the media to portray home education in a more positive light.

Flexi-Schooling

<http://www.education-otherwise.org/Publications%20Files/Leaflets/FlexiSchooling.htm>

<http://flexitimeschooling.org/fts.pdf>

EO's leaflet and document written by Kate Oliver, a home educator who has succeeded in arranging part time state schooling to complement home education.

Home Education Advisory Service

PO Box 98, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6AN

Tel. +44 (0)1707 371854

E-mail: enquiries@heas.org.uk

Website: www.heas.org.uk

... Support organisation for UK home educators, quarterly bulletin, advice line, handbook of home education, leaflets.

established and prospective home educators.

Home Service

48 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor,
Stockport SK4 4NX

Tel: +44 (0)161 432 3782

Website: www.home-service.org

... Support services for Christians who home educate.

Schoolhouse Home Education Association, PO Box 18044

Glenrothes, Fife KY7 9AD

Tel: 01307 463120

E-mail list: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scottishhome-ed/>

Website: www.schoolhouse.org.uk

... A national Scottish charity which offers information and support to home educators and those interested. Public information service, HE newsletter, and a teenage peer support network.

www.home-education.org.uk

... UK based home education site including web ring of home educators' sites, articles about HE, market place, freebie page, message page, links to resources and support organisations and much more.

Internet Support Lists

To subscribe to any of the **EO email lists** copy the links below or go to www.education-otherwise.org and join up at the bottom of the home page.

EO General List

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EO/>

... Provides mutual support for home educators and those interested in home education, enabling the sharing of knowledge and experience between

EO Single Parent List

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EO-Singleparent/>

... This list is for single parents who are home educating or considering home education for their families. Whilst there is a 'general' email list for home educators, sometimes single parents face unique problems. This list is to allow single parents to offer support, experience and information relating to their situation.

EO Scotland List

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EO-Scotland/>

... Provides mutual support for home educators and those interested in home education in Scotland, to allow the sharing of knowledge and experience between established and prospective home educators.

EO Members Forum:

An area of EO's website with discussion forums for members of Education Otherwise as well as specific forums for Scottish, Irish and Welsh members. Volunteers for EO can also receive support through the forums and there is a discussion forum for EO Children. There's lots of other information in the members area, from articles from past newsletters to minutes of Trustee meetings and much more. See EO newsletter for joining instructions or follow the instructions here to join: www.education-otherwise.org/About%20EO/Joining/MemberArea.htm

EO-Children's Forum

EO Membership is required. See the newsletter for joining instructions

HE Special UK

To subscribe to this list, go to:
www.he-special.org.uk

... Support, advice and encouragement for home educating families with children who have special educational needs.

UK-HOME-ED List

For details of how to join e-mail:

uk-home-ed-request@listserv.aol.com

... to provide mutual support for UK based home educators and those interested in home education, to allow the sharing of knowledge and experience between established and prospective home educators and to establish a forum for the free discussion of issues surrounding any and every aspect of home education.

Early Years HE

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EarlyYearsHE>

... A mailing list for anyone with 0-8 year old-ish, who wants to learn about home education or just get more from their time with their children.

Muslim Home Educators

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeeducatorsandukmuslims/>

The aims of this list are twofold:

..... to provide a forum where Muslim home educators in the U.K. can support each other and discuss all the issues connected to home ed.

..... generate a base where ideas and resources can be shared for teaching a possible home curriculum, ideas and

activities with an Islamic aspect for family activities/community and global issues, i.e. a whole lifestyle supported by Islamic education and Islamic values.

Deut6v7 Mailing List

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/haylett/deut6v7.html>

... The Deut6v7 list exists to provide a forum for discussion and support for those engaged in, or considering, Christian home-schooling in the United Kingdom. This does not exclude discussion of Christian education in general, and does not exclude subscribers from outside the United Kingdom.

Black and Other UK Home Educators

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/blackandotherukhomeeducators/>

... This group is for families providing information about home educating, to discuss education and to share ideas about black, mixed-race and other children outside school in the UK.

Home Education in Northern Ireland

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hedni/>
... For families in Northern Ireland who are home educating or want to find out more about home education.

Legal Advice

Advisory Centre for Education

(ACE). 1c Aberdeen Studios, 22 Highbury Grove, London N5 2DQ
Exclusions helpline: 020 7704 9822
Website: www.ace-ed.org.uk
General Advice Line (Monday-Friday 10-5pm): Free phone 0808 800 5793

... Independent, registered charity, which offers information about state education in England and Wales for parents of school age children. Free telephone advice on many subjects like exclusion from school, bullying, special educational needs and school admission appeals.

Children's Legal Centre

University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex CO4 3SQ
National Education Advice Line:
Tel: 0845 345 4345 Mon-Weds 9am – 5pm; Thurs-Fri 9am – 630pm.
Young People: Freephone 0800 783 2187
Child Law Advice – 0845 120 2948
Family Law Advice – 0845 345 4345
E-mail: clc@essex.ac.uk
URL: www.childrenslegalcentre.com/
...independent national charity offering advice and information on legal issues affecting children and young people in England and Wales. Publish the Education Rights Handbook.

Family Rights Group

Family Rights Group, Second Floor, The Print House, 18 Ashwin Street London E8 3DL Tel: 020 7923 2628
Fax: 020 7923 2683
Email: office@frg.org.uk
Advice Line: 0800 7311696
Mon–Fri: 10am-12pm /1.30pm-3.30pm
Website: <http://www.frg.org.uk>
... Telephone and written advice for families where children are in contact with social services.

Law Centres Federation

3rd Floor, 293-299 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 2TJ
Tel: 020 7428 4400

Fax: 020 7428 4401
Website: www.lawcentres.org.uk
Email: info@lawcentres.org.uk

Legal Services Commission – runs the legal aid scheme:

(In England and Wales)

Head Office, 85 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8AA
Tel: 020 775 90000
For people seeking legal aid, call:
084 5345 4345 – offers free advice if you're eligible for legal aid and is a confidential, independent government funded advice line. Mon-Fri 9am – 630pm.

(in Northern Ireland)

2nd Floor, Waterfront Plaza, 8 Laganbank Road, Mays Meadow, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT1 3BN
Tel: 028 9040 8888
Website: www.nilsc.org.uk

(Scotland)

Scottish Legal Aid Board, 44 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, Scotland EH3 7SW
Tel: 0131 226 7061
Website: www.slab.org.uk

National Council for Civil Liberties

21 Tabard Street, London SE1 4LA
Tel: 020 7403 3888
URL: www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk/
E-mail: info@liberty-human-rights.org.uk

Scottish Child Law Centre

54 Eastcross Causeway, Edinburgh.
Helpline: 0131 667 6333
Tel. No. for under 18s: 0800 328 8970

Website: www.sclc.org.uk
Independent charitable organization,
providing services to all of Scotland.
Provides free legal advice service, by
phone, email and text message on all
aspects of Scots law relating to
children and young people.

Scottish Council for Civil Liberties

146 Holland Street, Glasgow G2 4NG
Tel: 0141 332 5960
(Mon - Fri 2pm - 5pm)
Fax: 0141 332 5309

Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families

Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith St
Westminster, London SW1P 3BT
Email: dcsf.ministers@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk
info@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk

Support and Advice

British Dyslexia Association

Unit 8, Bracknell Breeches, Old
Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire.
RG12 7BW
Helpline: 0845 251 9002
Website: www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

British Institute for Brain Injured

Children Knowle Hall, Bridgwater,
Somerset TA7 8PJ
Tel: 01278 684060
Website: www.bibic.org.uk
Email: info@bibic.org.uk

... national charity offering practical
help to families caring for children with
conditions such as autism, cerebral
palsy, Down's syndrome, traumatic and
acquired brain injury, developmental
delay and specific learning difficulties
such as attention

deficits hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia
and dyspraxia.

Centre for Personalised Education

113 Arundel Drive, Bramcote,
Nottingham, NG9 3FQ
Tel: 0115 925 7261
www.personalisededucationnow.org.uk

CHI (Children of High Intelligence support society)

45, Ouseley Road, Wraysbury,
Berkshire, TW19 5JB
Tel: 0870 034 7761

Email: enquiries@chi-charity.org.uk
Website: www.chi-charity.org.uk
...offers direct support for children
whose intelligence falls within the top
2% (5% if under age 7). Practical
experience in dealing with schools,
LAs, the DCSF, OFSTED and SCAA,
part-time (flexi-) schooling, Further
Education Colleges and home
education.

Childline

Tel: 0800 1111
Website: www.childline.org.uk
...free 24 hour telephone helpline for
children in need of help or advice
about anything – nothing is too big or
too small. Children can also write to:
Childline, Freepost, NATN1111,
LONDON E1 6BR

Contact a Family

202-211 City Road, London
Tel: 020 7608 8700
Website: www.cafamily.org.uk
Helpline: 0808 808 3555 Mon-Fri 10am
– 4pm and Mon 530pm – 730pm.
... Provides advice, information and
support to parents of all disabled
children – no matter what their

disability or health condition. Enables parents to get in touch with other families, both locally and nationally.

Dyspraxia Foundation

8 West Alley, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 1EG
Tel: Helpline 01462 454 986 (10am – 1pm Mon – Fri)

www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/
... A UK charity which exists to help people to understand and cope with dyspraxia.

Freedom in Education

Web: www.freedom-in-education.co.uk
Online newsletter and website offering information on home education and educational styles.

Human Scale Education

Unit 8, Fairseat Farm, Chew Stoke, Bristol, BS40 8XF

Tel/Fax 01275 332516

Website: www.hse.org.uk

Email: info@hse.org.uk

...national charity supporting small schools, 'human scale' groups within large schools and parental involvement in education. Membership includes newsletter, help-line, help starting up educational projects and advance notice of conferences and workshops

Hyperactive Children's Support Group (HACSG)

Dept W., The Hyperactive Children's Support Group, 71 Whyke Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 7PD

Telephone: 01243 539966

Email: hacsg@hacsg.org.uk

Website: www.hacsg.org.uk

Kidscape

2, Grosvenor Gdns, London SW1W 0DH Tel: 020 7730 3300

Helpline: 08451 205 204

Website: www.kidscape.org.uk

...national charity, aims to teach children how to keep safe **before** they become victims.

MAMA (Meet a Mum Association)

54 Lillington Road, Radstock, BA3 3NR

Helpline: 0845 120 3746

(7-10pm weekdays)

...a nationwide charity organisation aiming to provide a network of support to all mothers and mothers-to-be. Local groups or contact, publications and leaflets.

National Association for Gifted Children

National Centre for Children with High Abilities & Talents

Suite 14, Challenge House, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. MK3 6DP

Tel: 0845 450 0295

Helpline: 0845 450 0221 (Mon-Thurs 9.15 to 4.00)

E-mail:

amazingchildren@nagcbritain.org.uk

Website: www.nagcbritain.org.uk

...local support groups, activities, publications, newsletter, counselling and advisory service.

National Autistic Society (NAS)

393 City Road, London, EC1V 1NG

Tel: 020 7833 2299

Email: nas@nas.org.uk

Website: www.autism.org.uk

... champions the rights and interests of all people with autism. Aims to provide help, support and services that individuals with autism and families can access, trust and rely upon and

which can make a positive difference to their lives.

Natural Nurturing Network

PO Box 265, Derry BT48 4AZ

URL: www.naturalnurturing.org.uk

...a natural parenting self support group. Newsletter, contact list of local members and gatherings.

Special Abilities Group

Tel: 01924 385977

Website: www.abilities.fsnet.co.uk

PO Box 360, Wakefield WF2 8WG

...offers support for children who are high IQ but with a physical or sensory impairment, to help them fulfil the potential of their special abilities. Advice on doing exams at home, finding funds or grants, dyslexia/dyspraxia and computer software.

Taking Children Seriously

... Journal of non-coercive parenting, an educational philosophy, a way of life.

URL: www.takingchildrenseriously.com

TCS Internet List: to subscribe send e-mail to listserv@listserv.aol.com saying in the body of the message:

subscribe TCS your-first-name your-last-name

Travellers School Charity

P.O. Box 2, Goodwick, Pembrokeshire.

SA64 0ZQ

Tel: 01226 764279

URL: www.travellersschool.plus.com

Email: stigstrunk@aol.com

.. Support for travellers with education out of school. Quarterly newsletter,

resources based on travellers' lives and experiences

Miscellaneous

Montessori Centre International

18 Balderton Street, London W1Y 1TG

Tel: 020 7493 8300

URL: www.montessorimagazine.com

<http://www.montessori.org.uk/>

... Most extensive range of Montessori courses, parents courses.

Mercers College

Ware, Herts SG12 9BU

Tel: 01920 465927

www.homestudy.org.uk/mercers_college.html

E-mail: mercers_college@lycos.co.uk

...Age 5 to 'A' level.

National Extension College

Michael Young Centre, Purbeck Road, Cambridge CB2 8HN

Tel: 01223 400200

E-mail: info@nec.ac.uk

Website: www.nec.ac.uk/info/

QCA (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority)

83 Piccadilly, London W1J 8QA

Tel: 020 7509 5555

Website: www.qca.org.uk

..Administer NVQs.

RSA (Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce)

8 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6EZ

Website: www.rsa.org.uk

...publish a free newsletter called 'Parents in a Learning Society' as part of their educational programme. Main

interest – links between home and school.

Steiner Bookshop

Anthroposophical Soc of Great Britain
Rudolf Steiner House, 35 Park Road,
London NW1 6XT
Tel: 020 7723 4400
Bookshop Tel/Fax: 020 7724 7699
<http://www.rsh.anth.org.uk/index.html>
...all enquires about Steiner method,
library, Steiner books and curricula.

Steiner Schools Fellowship

Kidbroke Park, Forest Row, East
Sussex, RH18 5JA
Tel 01342 822115
<http://www.steinerwaldorf.org.uk/>
...list of Steiner schools in UK,
introduction to Steiner philosophy.

University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate

1 Hills Road, Cambridge CB1 2EU
Tel: 01223 553311
www.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/ca/
... Open Learning Centre: information
about International GCSEs (IGCSEs)
and GCSE exam centres for external
candidates.

World-Wide Education Service

Waverley House, Penton, Carlisle,
Cumbria. CA6 5QU
Tel: 01228 577123
<http://www.weshome.demon.co.uk/>
Email: office@weshome.demon.co.uk
...curricula for ages 3-13.

(These organisations have been recommended by EO members and not endorsed by Education Otherwise. Further organisations are listed in the back of the current edition of 'School Is Not Compulsory')

Education Otherwise publishes a series of leaflets on themes relevant to home education. These can be purchased from the EO online store or downloaded free from the EO website by clicking on Publications at the top right of the page and then the leaflets link

www.education-otherwise.org/Publications%20Files/Leaflets/NdxLft.htm

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