

## Workshop Announcement

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# Gen'd Up? Children's & Young People's Experiences of Genetics

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Great North Museum (Hancock), Newcastle upon Tyne

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 10am – 1pm

When a child is seen as having something different about them, they may be invited to be seen by a paediatric geneticist to explore if this difference may be found within the child's genes, which may or may not be inherited.

Sometimes this leads to diagnosis, sometimes not.

This Workshop will draw from an in-depth study undertaken over the last 3 years, in order to think about what it is like for families, including children and young people (those referred and their siblings), to get involved with genetics.

The study was funded by the Economic & Social Research Council.

This Workshop provides an opportunity – for families and practitioners interested and/or involved in genetics – to find out what children and young people, and their families, think about the experience of being seen by Paediatric Genetic Services, what is important to them, and what effect it has had on their lives.

The Workshop will include discussion groups for attendees to participate in and feedback.

**PLEASE NOTE: This is a Free Event**

**Children and young people are welcome**

**There will be an entertainment area for children and young people**

**Refreshments and buffet lunch will be provided**

**Pre-Booking Essential**



We expect this Workshop will be of interest to:

- Parents, carers and children who have been seen by, or could be seen by Paediatric Genetic Services in the future.
  - Medical professionals working in genetics.
  - Paediatric medical professionals (general/specialist/community).
  - Other professionals (voluntary / statutory / academic).
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*The Workshop aims to:*

- 1. Focus on the experiences of children referred to Paediatric Genetic Services, and their siblings;*
- 2. Generate discussion with attendees on points raised by children and young people;*
- 3. Consider ways forward for families and service providers.*

Main Activities will include:

- Presentation of research findings;
- Discussion groups, and feedback;
- Displays of children's pictures and text;
- Entertainment area – for any children/young people who prefer not to be involved in the formal activities – organised by Sensory Spaces (formerly called Jamboree).

Also, free copies of the Main Findings Report from the research will be available.

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The Workshop is being organised by the researchers, Janice McLaughlin & Emma Clavering.

Discussions will be facilitated by representatives from:

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