

Jesus said in Matthew 19: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." The command is clear — we are to put nothing in the way of children coming to Jesus. In a world where no two children are the same, we need to do our best to make sure our ministry to the children in our care is thoughtful and adaptable.

For many of us, we struggle to know how to best interact with and teach children who have Special Educational Needs (SEN). The words of Jesus don't exclude these children — we need to make sure that we aren't hindering them from coming to Him. We have a God who saves children despite our mistakes and inabilities, but that shouldn't keep us from the pursuit of learning how to best minister to children with SEN.

Why not join us on **Saturday 2nd June** as we explore the world of SEN and think about how we can effectively and lovingly reach every child with the Gospel? We have four very experienced speakers coming to share with us, and a number of other great organisations will be on hand to help resource you in your ministry. Our vision in CEF is to have every child in every county in God's Word every day. Our heart for this conference, along with everyone else taking part, is that **Every Child** really means, **Every Child**.

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Every Child CONFERENCE

2nd June 2018

10:00am - 3:30pm

Emmanuel Church, Lurgan

Free admission.
Pre-registration is essential.

PROGRAMME

10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:45	11:45 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:45	12:45 - 1:45	1:45 - 2:35	2:35 - 2:45	2:45 - 3:30
Registration and Free Light Breakfast	Worship and General Session	Tea / Coffee	Seminar 1	Free Lunch	Seminar 2	Break / Reflection Time	Seminar 3

General Session

Seeing Through Their Eyes

Every child is unique and wonderfully made by God. It's vital we reach all children with God's Word and this includes those who face special challenges. Children learn and develop in different ways and it's important to understand their social, emotional, intellectual and physical qualities in order to find the best way to teach them.

The aim of this session is to help you recognise and better understand children with Special Educational Needs in your church, ministry or community setting. In an informal yet eye-opening way Jayne will help you make sense of the different and specific needs of children, in particular those connected with autism, ADHD and dyslexia.

In this informative and practical session you will learn about the various needs the children you minister to may have.



JAYNE GIBSON

Jayne is married to Simon and they have three daughters, Jessica, Robyn and Bronwyn. In 2016 they moved from Belfast to Ballyconnell, and are currently the full-time workers for CEF in County Cavan. Before coming into the work of CEF

Jayne was a teacher for 18 years in both Primary and Nursery School settings. During her time as a Nursery School Principal, Jayne was the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator for the school. Jayne enjoys spending time with her family and friends and taking their dog Brodie for walks in the beautiful Cavan countryside.

Seminar 1

In Their Shoes

For many children, sitting through a Holiday Bible Club or Sunday School lesson may seem like a daunting prospect. Similarly, for you as the adult, it may also feel like an overwhelming task when you consider the variety of needs within the group of children in your care. This seminar aims to help you take a walk in the shoes of the children and get a fresh perspective on how to meet their needs as they come through our door.

This practical and reflective seminar aims to help you discover some of the barriers to learning within your setting. Helping to equip you as we view a lesson from a child's perspective, **we will explore how to create an inclusive environment and provide strategies to best meet the needs of every child within your church setting.**



RACHAEL LAUGHLIN

Rachael is from Ballymena and works as a Special Needs Teacher at Castle Tower School. Rachael studied Primary School teaching with Special Educational Needs in Lancaster, then worked in London for three years as a mainstream

Primary teacher before returning to Northern Ireland to work full-time. She is currently involved with youth ministry within her church and volunteers with CEF. Rachael loves to travel and enjoys spending quality time with friends over cups of tea!

Seminar 2

Love. Laugh. Learn!

We probably don't know each other, yet we are connected through our love for God and a desire to share His story with little humans!

Having fun with the children you work with is great, but teaching them truth is even more important. **During this seminar we will be learning how to impart Biblical truth in a practical and fun way to every child in your ministry.** We will share strategies, techniques and teaching styles in order to help children with Special Educational Needs learn more about the truths that can be discovered in God's Word. Together let's build ministries for every child that are filled with love, laughter and learning.



KIM WYLIE

Kim is from Newtownabbey and works as a Year 3 teacher in Carrickfergus. She trained at Stranmillis College, Belfast. Kim taught in Larne before taking a break from teaching to look after her twin girls, Abigail and Eve.

Kim attended CEF Summer Outreach Training Course in 1994 and 1995 and since then has been involved with CEF in various ministries, ranging from clubs to camps. She attends Whiteabbey Presbyterian and currently co-ordinates Sunday School there. She loves to shop and enjoys meeting friends and drinking good coffee.

Seminar 3

Special Measures for Special Children

Child protection issues face everyone working with children, but when issues arise with those who may have special or additional support needs it is often more difficult to establish exactly what has happened. Unfortunately these children are therefore even more vulnerable than others due to the complexity of their medical conditions, their additional support needs and often their limited communication skills. Their vulnerability often makes them easy targets for those who would seek to harm children.

This seminar seeks to explore the specific issues which children with additional support needs face in terms of keeping themselves safe, signs which leaders should be aware of in relation to child protection issues and the best ways for leaders to ensure that their own behaviour is beyond reproach.



SUZANNE SMITH

Suzanne is a Speech and Language Therapist and has worked with children and adults with learning disabilities since 1994. Suzanne works for the Department of Justice as a Registered Intermediary, which

involves supporting those with learning disabilities and communication difficulties through the criminal justice system. Suzanne has worked for many years in children's ministry and currently runs a Good News Club® in her own church (Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lisburn). Suzanne is married to Mark and has two teenage children.