

## Press Release

# Symposium: *Arts in Early Years* Monday 8 March, 10.30am-5pm Free

Teachers, artists and practitioners from education settings and cultural organisations are invited to attend *Art in Early Years*, a day of discussion at Ikon Gallery focusing on current issues relating to creativity and Early Years practice in Birmingham.

Guest speakers will make presentations of recent projects and programmes that demonstrate the rich potential in this field. They include **Selene Burn**, Community Engagement Officer at Birmingham REP; **Cynthia Knight**, Director of St Thomas Children's centre; artist **Jürgen Partenheimer**; **Nancy Evans**, Early Years Music specialist; **Debbie Kermode**, Director of Bright Space; **Matt Shaw**, an artist specialising in Early Years practice and **Jonathan Watkins**, Director of Ikon Gallery.

Presentations will be interspersed with breaks including lunch (a special offer for delegates is available at Café Ikon), giving all participants an opportunity to share observations and information. The last session will be an open forum.

James Cangiano, Learning Curator, Ikon: "*Art in Early Years* will focus on the role of several contemporary arts genres - theatre, music and visual art - across the Early Years sector. Birmingham has a very solid approach to fostering creativity in Early Years, and our guest speakers represent the progressive activities taking place within the city."

Places at the Symposium are free but should be reserved by calling Ikon on 0121 248 0708.

Symposium supported by Birmingham City Council and Bright Space.

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## Note to Editors:

1. Ikon is open Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 11am - 6pm.  
Admission is free.
2. Ikon Gallery is a registered charity and receives core funding from  
Birmingham City Council and Arts Council West Midlands.
3. For more information and images please contact Helen Stallard on  
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