

**International Network on
Leave Policy and Research:
2nd International Seminar**



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**17-18th November, 2005
Woburn House,
20 Tavistock Square,
London WC1**

Programme

Day 1 – 17th November

Chair: Margaret O'Brien

9.30 *Welcome from seminar organisers and introductions (including UK departments attending as observers, 5 minutes each); review of programme*

10.15 *Session One: recent and current developments in policy and research*

10.15-11.30: *recent developments in 3 countries: UK (as host: Peter Moss); France (Jeanne Fagnani); Iceland (Thorgerdur Einarsdottir & Gyda Petursdottir). Participants from each country to offer introduction on recent developments in leave policy (15 minutes), with 10 minutes per country for initial discussion.*

11.30-11.45 Break (refreshments)

11.45-12.45: *short reports on developments in leave policy (actual or under discussion) in some other countries (10 minutes per country maximum): Finland (Pentti Takala); Germany (Wolfgang Erler); Netherlands (Hanne Groenendijk); Norway (Berit Brandt); Spain (Anna Escobedo); Sweden (Anders Chronholm)*

12.45 **Lunch**

13.45 *Session One (continued)*

13.45-14.30: *discussion of recent and current developments*

14.30-15.30: *research and publication round up. Participants to raise new or forthcoming research or publications either by themselves or by other researchers (10 minutes per contribution, with 5 minutes for questions); Elin Kvande (Norway); Tine Rostgaard (Denmark); Pentti Takala (Finland); Steven Taylor (UK)*

15.30 Break (Refreshments)

Chair: Peter Moss

16.00 *Session Two: first thematic session. **Leave policies for mothers and fathers: children's well-being and perspectives.** To be introduced by Margaret O'Brien (UK) and Sheila Kamerman (US) (15 minutes per contribution)..*

17.30 End of Day 1

20.00 **Dinner:** Globe Theatre Restaurant

Day 2 – 18th November

Chair: Margaret O'Brien

9.15 *Session Three: second thematic theme. **The relationship between leave policy and early childhood (childcare) services.** To be introduced by Anna Escobedo (Spain) and Marta Korintus (Hungary) (15 minutes per contribution).*

10.45 Break (refreshments)

Chair: Peter Moss

11.15 *Session Four: review of past and future Network activity.*

- *General discussion about role and activities of the Network. What should it be doing (in addition to annual seminar and working document)? Participants (do we have a limit on national membership? How to choose who are members? Which new countries?)*
- *Working document – review of first issue and discussion of content of and improving second issue. Making it more widely available. What we would like participants to do for the second issue*
- *Extending the network – suggestions for people and countries to be invited to join the network*
- *Annual seminar – comments on this year's seminar and discussion of next year's seminar in ?Barcelona*
- *Any other points for discussion*

12.30 Lunch

14.00 *Session Four (continued)*

15.00 *Session Five: reports by/on international organisations. Policy positions and recent/current work.*

16.00 Close seminar. Refreshments