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