

# **INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON HOME EDUCATION**

## **Reims, 2006**

A European colloquium on home education will take place in Reims, on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in the “Centre international de séjour” (CIS). The colloquium is organised by “Les Enfants d’Abord”, French national home education organisation and supported by the European Forum for Freedom in Education. The colloquium will provide an opportunity for exchange between parents, students, French and foreign researchers with experience or expertise on the subject of home education. Its ambition is to bring together organisations and individuals interested in educational freedom, particularly with regard to education outside of schools.

### **Preliminary programme:**

**Saturday afternoon** (2 to 6 p.m.) What is home education?

- Home education in France, an overview
- Different learning styles in home education, Dr. Alan Thomas, Visiting Fellow at the University of London Institute of Education
- Experiences in home education: with a panel of young people and home educators

**Sunday morning** (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) discussion in smaller groups:

- Learning together: family networks and how they develop with Leslie Safran Barson, founder of the Otherwise Club in London
- Different learning styles, exchange of experiences with the participation of Dr. Alan Thomas
- The legal situation in different European countries

**Sunday afternoon** (2 to 4 p.m.) Supporting home education in Europe:

Presentations from representatives of Learning Unlimited, a European organisation for home education and autonomous learning, and from the European Forum for Freedom in Education

**The languages** of the colloquium will be French and English.

**Entrance fee:** 15 euros per person, 20 euros per family

**Accommodation:** It is possible to stay in the International Center (CIS) on Saturday night (prices starting from 12 euros per person). Contact the Center directly, well in advance (individual booking for the general public opens end of February): Centre international de séjour, Parc Léo Lagrange, Chaussée Bocquaine, 51100 Reims, tel (33) 326 405 260, website <http://www.cis-reims.com/uk-contact.php>, email: [info@cis-reims.com](mailto:info@cis-reims.com) Contact Jennifer Fandard (see end of the leaflet) for advanced booking conditions.

**Meals:** Meals ordered at least two weeks in advance will be served in the CIS restaurant (9,90 euros for main meals). If you are interested, please order on the reservation form included in this brochure. It is also possible to bring a picnic and eat in or around the Center.

**Venue:** The CIS has pleasant meeting rooms and services and is situated near downtown, about a 20-minute walk from the train station and the cathedral. It is near the theatre, la Comédie de Reims” and close to a big park, swimming pool and skating rink.

**How to get there:**

**By the highway:** take the exit marked “Reims centre”, follow the direction “Centre des Congrès”. At the “Centre des Congrès”, make a left turn at the traffic light and take direction Epernay on the Charles de Gaulle bridge. The center is situated on the right after the bridge.

**From the national road :** take direction “Reims centre” and follow the above directions.

**From the train station:**

**By bus:** take bus A, C, F or K and go to the “theatre” stop, from that stop take the H line to the Charles de Gaulle stop. The center is located on the right side of the bus stop.

**On foot:** in front of the train station, walk through the “Place d’Erlon”, turn right on the first street. When you reach the street called “rue de Vesle”, turn right. Go straight, pass the bridge. After the bridge, take the first street on your left “Chaussée Bocquaine”. The Center is the third building on the left.

**Other details:** The colloquium will be of interest to adults and young people. During conference hours, a small room will be available for young children accompanied by a parent or other adult, who will be responsible for their children at all times. The city offers many possibilities for activities or visits for children near the Center (the nearby park, swimming pool, skating rink, multi-media library near the cathedral, cinemas, theater.)

**For information, please contact:**

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# BOOKING

**For the colloquium:**

- Individual rate : 15 € Number of entries .....
- Family rate (for 2 adults, no charge for young people) : 20 €  
Please indicate the number of people attending the lectures : .....

I am interested in the following workshop: (please check one)

- Learning together: family networks and how they develop with Leslie Safran Barson, founder of the Otherwise Club in London
- Different learning styles, informal learning, exchange of experiences with the participation of Dr. Alan Thomas
- The legal situation in different European countries
- I would like a workshop with the following theme: .....

Name and address: .....

Telephone: ..... email: .....

Please send this form and your cheque for the total amount to the order of **Les Enfants d’Abord**, to:

Jennifer Fandard, 2, impasse Durot, 02130 Villers Agron Aiguizy, France

**For meals at the CIS cafeteria:**

I would like the following meals:

- Saturday night dinner (9,90 €) number of people: ..... vegetarian?
- Sunday lunch (9,90 €) number of people: ..... vegetarian?

Please send this order form with your cheque for the total, made to the order of the “Centre international de séjour”, before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, to:

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