



**NORTH SCOTLAND LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY  
TAKING INTELLIGENT RISKS WITH ...CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 12pm – 2pm, Inverness (venue tbc)**

**Programme (draft)**

**12.00pm**     **What's this all about...**     Linda Anne Smith and Yvonne Leathley

**12.10pm**     **What do we mean by "taking intelligent risks"? Taking well-thought-out chances by e.g.**

- **Really listening:**
  - o to Service Users and carers about what they really need and want.
  - o to our staff and partners on what they think and can offer.
  - o to our gut instincts.
- **Questioning:**
  - o how things are currently done.
  - o why things are done the way they are.
  - o are the right people involved?
  - o and if so, are they doing the right things?
- **Feeling "safe" and confident enough :**
  - o to say what I really think, even if it seems daft and/ or obvious.
  - o to try things out, and openly share what works and what doesn't.
- **Anything else???**

Working in groups of 2 or 3, discuss and agree what intelligent risk taking is for you.

**12.20pm**     **If you could change 1 thing in children's services, what...**

Working in small facilitated groups, use all the things you identified as "intelligent risk taking", to discuss, debate, challenge and play, resulting in creative ideas (big and small) that will really make a difference to older people.

**1.20pm**     **So...**

The whole group explores all the ideas a bit further, and agrees which merit further development, and how, by who etc.

**1.55pm**     **Review and what next...**

**2.00pm**     **Close**