

Get the Gen

for families with children with disabilities &
special needs



**Parents Taking Part
Children Having Fun**



**Sunday 20th July 2008
9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Nature's World
Acklam, Middlesbrough**

Booking Form

Parents/Carers of children with disabilities and special needs - we need your ideas, thoughts and expertise to help provide a better service to families through the Northern Genetics Service, Teesside Genetics Unit. The day will provide information for people who have used the service before or would like to know more about what the service provides. We also want to know what parents and support groups want from the service – what it can do for you.

Programme for the Day

9.30 a.m.	Arrival, registration and refreshments
10.00 a.m.	Welcome to the Conference – Michael Wright, Clinical Director, Northern Genetics Service & Kathy Rist, Regional Development Officer, Contact a Family
10.30 a.m.	Short Break
10.45 a.m.	Workshop
11.30 a.m.	Short Break
11.45 a.m.	Workshop
12.30 p.m.	Close – lunch for everyone (including children).

Workshops

Each of the three workshops will be held twice, once from 10.45 to 11.30 a.m. and again from 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. so you can attend 2 different ones. The topics are:

- 1) **Trying to get a Diagnosis?** – Richard Fisher, Consultant in Clinical Genetics, Teesside Genetics Unit
Who comes to the Genetics Service? Why do they come? What happens when they get there?
- 2) **Living without a Diagnosis** – Win Tin, Consultant in Neonatology, Teesside Genetics Unit. What are the practical problems faced by families when their child does not have a diagnosis?
- 3) **What Happens When My Child Grows Up?** – Paul Brennan, Lead Clinician, Ginny Birrell, Paediatrician - Teesside Genetics Unit & Mishy Holt, Family Support Worker - Contact a Family
We will explore how services change for your children as they grow up – what support is available as children become teenagers and as they move into adult services

So while you are attending this event, your kids can take advantage of a free visit to the fantastic Nature's World Attraction. **They will need to be accompanied by an adult**, so why not ask their Grandparents, Aunt, Uncle or a friend to come along with them.

Nature's World has 24 acres of education and fun. Attractions include Play World, outdoor play areas, the space-age Futureworld 2020 development, ride-on tractors, an outdoor sandpit, computer terminals and the region's largest embankment slide.

For full details of what's available see the website at

www.naturesworld.org.uk



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Nature's World, Middlesbrough – Sunday 20th July 2008

PLEASE NOTE PLACES ARE LIMITED AND BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN ON A
 FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
 ATTENDING, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR FORM WITHOUT DELAY

(Please complete and return to the address at the end of the booking form
 by **Friday 11th July** at the latest)

Genetics Event Attendees

Your Name(s)

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Address

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Postcode

Tel No

E mail

Workshops

Please tell us your workshop preferences by placing 1-3 in the boxes below.

First Attendee

Trying to Get a Diagnosis?

Living without a Diagnosis

What Happens When My Child Grows Up?

Second Attendee (if applicable)

Trying to Get a Diagnosis?

Living without a Diagnosis

What Happens When My Child Grows Up?

Please see overleaf

Nature's World

Please tell us who will be coming along to enjoy the Nature's World attraction whilst you are attending the conference.

Adult Name(s)

Children's names & ages

Lunch

Does anyone in your party (inc. children) have any special dietary requirements?

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Free parking is available at the venue

Do you need a map to Nature's World? Yes No

Do you have any other special requirements or need anything else for you to attend this event?

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Please send your completed booking form to
**Contact a Family North East, The Dene Centre, Castle Farm Rd,
Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1PH.**

Tel 0191 213 6300 E-Mail northeast.office@cafamily.org.uk

Remember – booking forms must be in by **Friday 11th July 2008** at the very latest

We will telephone/e-mail you to confirm your place.