

NEWSLETTER



Can you help find Deano!

As part of LACA's 25th anniversary celebrations, we are trying to find a Deano costume. If anyone has one or knows where we can find one, please could you let Louise at LACA know admin@laca.co.uk or Tel: 01483 766777.

Help has arrived for schools in England!

As you know LACA have teamed up with the Children's Food Trust and a range of partners to provide an **expert advice service to schools** as part of the government's School Food Plan.

Infant and primary schools

As part of the government's plan, from the beginning of September every state maintained school in England will need to serve free meals to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For many schools this will be a huge challenge – the new advice service will give you all the help you need.

All schools can access support online by emailing info@childrensfoodtrust.org.uk or by calling **0800 680 0080** - we'll help you to get ready to deliver free school meals for all infant pupils. For schools that need more support, there are a number of options including working with other schools, further telephone advice and face to face visits by specialist professional advisors.

LACA National Seminars

The recent annual LACA Spring National Seminar held at the Chesford Grange on the 6th of March was a huge success buoyed by the releases from the Department for Education the previous day.

The speaker programme included an update from Myles Bremner Director of the School Food Plan and fascinating presentations from Sally Shadrack (LB Newham) and Alison Young (Durham County Council) who were the pilot boroughs for the Universal Free School Meals initiatives.

Anne Bull (LACA National Chair) and Linda Cregan (CEO of the Children's Food Trust) also updated members on the developments of the Lot 1 tender which the organisations have jointly won to help infant and primary schools get ready to provide free school lunches to all infant pupils.

Available to download on the LACA website are presentations from the day and some useful links to relevant websites

<http://www.laca.co.uk/laca-national-seminar-2014>

The next LACA Seminar will take place on Friday the 24th of October 2014 at the Chesford Grange, so make sure the date is in your diary!

LACA has various affiliations/collaborations with other professional bodies and we want to ensure all LACA members are aware of other opportunities with them as follows

The CFT have just launched some new courses on the Learning Network:-

- Reducing kitchen and dining waste
- Customer service for school caterers
- Lunchtime supervisor training
- Introducing a healthy packed lunch policy

More details can be found at www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/learningnetwork



Children's Food Advisor Freelancers

Do you have the skills and experience to help us provide specialist advice and expertise on school meals and children's food?

The CFT are currently looking for freelance and occasional workers that can be part of the team working to support schools, local authorities and catering providers.

Further details can be found at www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/jobs



HCA Conference 10 & 11th April 2014

With just **three weeks** to go **don't miss** out on a thought provoking Conference themed **'Engineering the Future'**. For additional information please visit www.hospitalcaterers.org/conference