

NEWSLETTER



LACA HAS A NEW NATIONAL CHAIR!!

The handover took place on Monday last week at the LACA Board meeting to **Carrieanne Bishop**.

Over the last eighteen months Carrieanne as LACA Vice Chair and myself have worked very closely on LACA matters and have developed the various strategies to take the organisation through the next busy period.

I would just like to take this opportunity of sincerely thanking everyone for their help and advice in my period as LACA National Chair. There's just too many to mention here in the newsletter but I can only say that they know who they are and I've been so grateful for their support.

It's been such a privilege to represent LACA members and the organisation at various meetings and events throughout the country. I have met so many interesting people from many walks of life who share our industry passion of providing the best possible food for the country's next generation.

On the radio this week I heard someone saying that "life is about building memories" and I can certainly say that I will always look back on this period of both my life and career with happy memories particularly as I have never known any time where school catering has been talked about so much!!

My personal congratulations go to Carrieanne in her new national role and I know that she will fulfil her role admirably in representing the LACA membership for the next eighteen month period.

Anne Bull
Immediate Past Chair



LACA SURVEY

Over the next few weeks a company called Canadean will be carrying out a very short survey on behalf of LACA amongst members as it will not only give us a statistical performance update but also a clearer picture of where everyone is with Universal Infant Free School Meals.

It will be accompanied by a letter from Carrieanne, and we would be very grateful if you could take the time to fill this in when it arrives, as it will give us a clearer picture of the current situation when speaking to the DfE and School Food Plan team.



The School Food plan has launched some great information about the Small Schools Task force and the Small Schools Information Pack can be found on line on the School Food Plan web site. See the links below.

<http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/small-schools-pilot-information-published/>

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If any LACA members are interested in signing up to receive the CFT's Eat Better Do Better newsletter, you can do so by clicking on the link below.
<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/about/newsletter>



If any members would like to 'flag up' any showcasing of "good practice" on the UIFSM project that they are willing to share & put their school forward for others to see as part of "what works well", please contact Nigel Argyle nigel.argyle@elygra.co.uk The school will receive £100 for the visit.

REGIONAL ROADSHOWS

From September 2014 all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England will receive free school meals.
Is your school ready for the big increase in school meals?

Book your FREE place at one of nine regional roadshows

- 11 Keynote speakers - including speakers from LACA, the Children's Food Trust, Food for Life Partnership, the Director of The School Food Plan, the Craft Guild of Chefs
- 20+ leading suppliers able to help, support and advise
- Opportunity to network

SHOULD YOU ATTEND? If you are a member of the Senior Management Team, a School Caterer, School Bursar or Local Authority Catering staff member then you can benefit from attending.

PLACES ARE LIMITED - Register NOW for these FREE events. We welcome more than one representative per organisation.

Visit www.uifsm-roadshows.co.uk for more information and to book your FREE place, or for more information regarding the events call 01244 399900