

Denise Burke



Denise is Head of Childcare at London Development Agency where she delivers the Mayor's Childcare Strategy for London. She has successfully designed and implemented the Childcare Affordability Programme, to make childcare in London more affordable and flexible for lower income families. CAP is also seen as the test bed for supply side funding. Denise is also working on an innovative capital project to build an intergenerational centre in London providing services for the whole community, linking the Mayor of London's Older People's and Childcare strategies.

Previously she was Manager for Early Years & Childcare at Peterborough City Council and managed the Out of School Childcare Initiative (OSCI) with the Greater Peterborough TEC. Before moving to work in the childcare sector in 1996, Denise was a HMRC Tax Inspector for over ten years and has excellent business acumen and extensive project management experience.

Among Denise's many achievements, she has an MSc in Voluntary Sector Management, she has successfully bid for funding from the New Opportunities Fund to support the start up of numerous childcare facilities, and she was recognised in the Nursery Management Today awards. Denise is also Chair of BBC Children in Need for London and SE Region and a Director of Capacity, a public body interest body committed to improving the lives of children and their families. Denise is a School Governor and is on the management committee of a children's centre in Shepherds Bush where she lives with her husband.
