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Why Belong to a Support Group

Beverley has also written a comprehensive 84 page guide to starting home educating support groups: Building Home Educating Community How to Start a Support Group. The book aims to help families sidestep potential problems in starting, managing and maintaining successful and happy group experiences. Available from Always Learning Books.

Why start a home educating group? Most of us would think the answer obvious: to provide friends for our children and for ourselves. It’s very reassuring having friends who share the same kinds of interests in life as ourselves. Other reasons might include providing the opportunity to do educational activities together on a regular basis, allowing the children to learn in group situations; or to take advantage of discounts on group bookings on field trips and excursions.

Informal playgroups are the easiest home educating groups to set up. Simply invite other home educating families to meet at a nearby park or playground. Pick a park with plenty of shade and shelter from the wind, and preferably an undercover barbecue area just in case of inclement weather. You’ll want one with lots of room for the children to run around safely and with a playground to suit the ages of the children. This type of loosely organised group has little structure and can be arranged to meet the needs of those that attend regularly while allowing others to join in and gradually get to know other home educating families. It’s a great way to make friends and help others find their way on the home educating path.

When you are more confident and have become friends with one or more families you might want to share hosting activities in your homes. This is how we started our network—first by organising regular meet ups at playgrounds and then consolidating friendships made with group playdates at each others’ houses. Some groups opt to meet at a community centre or library, particularly if there is room available for free.

If there is a specific need among a group of families a more formal group might be established to meet this need. Sometimes groups form to facilitate drama, groups sports, science clubs, etc. Formal groups come in all shapes and sizes. The more structured and
active a group wants to be the more it needs an effective leadership and membership structure. A little forethought and planning in the beginning stages of the group will help to reduce instances of friction down the track. Such groups can establish a calendar of events and activities and have clearly defined roles and responsibilities for its members. Often such groups have a limit on the number of participants to suit the requirements of specific venues or purposes. Once grown to their limit such groups may become 'closed', with a waiting list for membership or by recommendation of existing members if a vacancy arises.

Groups members usually communicate with each other via cc'd emails, online groups, chat rooms, phone ‘trees’, or newsletters. These are all effective ways to advertise coming activities and events and to gauge numbers when planning ahead. If the group open to all comers you may like to post notices on local community notice boards, in the library or shopping mall, and take advantage of free community notices in the local newspaper when publicizing it or group activities. This is a very quick way to grow a group. Also consider contacting your state-wide home educating organisation and any other groups, and place a notice or ad in home educating newsletters within your catchment area. Word-of-mouth is probably the most effective way to grow your homeschooling or unschooling group so don’t forget to ask your friends to tell their friends!

Although written rules or group policies may be seen as taking the enjoyment out of the group experience, they can be helpful in clarifying how things should be run and can avoid unpleasant confusion or conflict in the future. Even if you don’t want a set of rules or group principles for families to follow, consider writing and handing out a description of the group and it’s purpose, together with contact details of the main organisers of group activities to new members. Groups need to review their policy and any rules regularly to make sure they continue to reflect the current culture and needs of the group.

If you, or a venue you wish to hire, are concerned about insurance some state or national home educating associations can provide such cover for members. If your group is a playgroup you might seek suitable cover through your state's Playgroup Association.

Informal groups usually don’t incur any costs but if you want to do activities that will use resources such as art and craft materials then it may be an idea to establish a petty cash fund and ask for a gold coin donation or small fee from each family to cover materials or other expenses. Or you can set a cost for each activity and let people know ahead of time. If you hire a venue you probably will need to do this anyway. Don’t be afraid to ask for a booking fee if you are organising an activity where you need a minimum to attend, or if a third party is presenting the activity. More formal groups might have an annual membership subscription and this would allow them greater scope to organise structured activities for their members.

There are many things a group of homeschooling friends can do...

- organise a group cooperative library; perhaps seek grants for new books;
- rotating roster of responsibility for organising an activity each week/fortnight/month if desired;
- get together for a shared lunch;
- quarterly shared family ‘themed’ dinner, or progressive dinner;
- organise parents’ night out (separate mums and dads - different venues, ideas, etc);
• produce a regular newsletter, online and printed, distributed to libraries;
• or produce a group ‘year book’;
• establish a directory with contacts happy to give out information to families new to homeschooling, or a ‘buddy’ list for help in times of stress and need;
• put on an annual concert;
• hold an art and writing fair;
• have a group web page;
• make bumper stickers, hats, t-shirts with logo and slogans;
• go on educational excursions;
• go camping together;
• put together an information stall with educational activities for children at a local show or market;
• invite guest speakers to speak at meetings;
• hold sports days;
• organise Scholastic and other book club memberships and other group buying discounts;
• get together with other groups to organise home education seminars and conferences, etc;
• hold an annual curriculum/book fair/swap meet;
• celebrate together: birthday parties and seasonal and spiritual festivals and celebrations
• organise activities: art and craft sessions, history & geography sessions, science experiments and fairs, book clubs, sports days, games clubs, computer clubs, martial arts, astronomy, theme days, movement/dance, gym/yoga/tai chi, etc.

Overcoming shyness can be a major hurdle for parents at first—not all of us are extroverts and many find it hard to introduce ourselves and start a conversation with strangers. It helps to remember you won’t be the only shy person present… And once you get talking you’ll find you have a lot more in common than your first thought!

Join Home Education Australia: a central hub for families and those intending or wanting to learn more about home education.

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The groups in this directory are arranged first by national and then by state listings. Please specify in which sections you would like your group listed.

Beverley and April endeavour to update the Resource Directory regularly—your listing may not appear immediately, please be patient as it should appear within a few weeks.

If you find a broken link or a group that is no longer operating please let Beverley know so she can remove it. Thank you.

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• Outdoor Homeschool Meetups: http://webs.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=97831758f31b47e7adb818275&id=47c7e15a1e

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I first came across the idea of home education and we began seriously considering it in 1984 while our eldest was at kindergarten. Home educating our children was a wonderful privilege and I’m grateful for the incredible learning opportunities we experienced along the way.

Although our children are now adults, I continue to be an active support person and advocate for home education across Australia. I love to share my thoughts and experiences with others and to encourage them to ‘have a go’ and enjoy learning alongside their children.

Now that I’m a grandparent, and my children are beginning their home educating adventures with their families, I’m keener than ever to continue to reassure parents that it is a viable and successful alternative educational pathway for their children.

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A part-time work-from-home mum of three, I ‘officially’ began home educating our eldest child in June 2016, although, like my mum, I believe education is a life-long continuous process which begins at birth. As a child I enjoyed a mix of educational experiences at home and at school, completing high school in 1999.

I support the right of families to choose the education that best meets the needs of their children.

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