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In order to support schools as they develop extended services, 4Children, ContinYou and the NRT have been remitted to work together to help local authorities and schools deliver provision that is of high quality, sustainable and which meets pupil, family and community needs. As detailed below the skills, experience and track records of each of the organisations are complementary. Schools will want to access ContinYou's extensive technical knowledge of extended schools, 4Children's expertise in childcare and children's services and the NRT's proven success in helping schools lead change and reform.

As all schools move towards the offer of the core extended services identified in *Extended schools: Access to opportunities and services for all* it is important to remember that the five elements of the core offer will often cross over and that no one element should be considered in isolation from the others. The partnership between these three key organisations supports local authorities and schools as they look at developing sustainable services in a coherent and holistic way.

### 4Children

- 4Children is the national charity dedicated to creating opportunities and building futures for all children. Formerly Kids' Clubs Network, the charity was established over 20 years ago, to promote the needs of children out of school.
- Over the last decade it has had a major impact – supporting an increase in out-of-school childcare schemes from just 500 in 1993 to over 10,000 today. Re-launched last year, 4Children has broadened its scope – striving to place every child's and parent's needs at the heart of the community. More than anything, 4Children is about making a difference – about identifying issues and devising and delivering solutions.
- 4Children is also about change – refocusing services onto the needs of children and their families. It has an extensive track record of working with local authorities and communities to develop and sustain high quality childcare through strategic and practical support.
- 4Children has long been at the forefront of the campaign to open up schools to the community, and are now enthusiastically shaping and delivering the extended schools agenda – through both policy development and strategic support to schools and local authorities.

***Working together the three organisations can offer the following support for local authorities and schools:***

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*Help tapping into community resources – ContinYou*

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*Extensive knowledge of all aspects of developing and sustaining childcare and local childcare providers– 4Children*

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*Create the capacity to deliver sustainable extended services within schools – NRT*

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*Support can be delivered locally by their respective field teams*

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## ContinYou

- In 2003 community learning charity ContinYou was given the pioneering task by the DfES to provide technical support to the first designated full service extended schools. Building on extensive experience of supporting the development of Community Schools since 1980 and being at the forefront of the developments of study support since the mid 1990s, the organisation was well placed to offer a significant range of resources to the developing full service extended schools.
- Since that time the Extended Schools Support Service (TESSS) has developed a very broad base of expertise and experience in the field of extending schools which it now brings to its partnership with the NRT and 4Children.
- That expertise and experience includes encouraging and facilitating the building of partnerships with voluntary and community organisations, and with health and social services. TESSS also advises schools and LEAs on the specifics of extending schools including technical matters such as VAT, health and safety, insurance, governance and funding sources.
- ContinYou offers a range of networking opportunities and promotes inter school/authority visits.

## National Remodelling Team (NRT)

- The NRT was established in 2003 and is hosted by the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA). The NRT acts as a change agent, facilitating schools as they deliver real cultural change and embrace new ways of working.
- Since its formation the NRT has worked, with and through LEAs, to support the implementation of the changes to teachers' conditions of service and on wider workforce remodelling. The NRT has helped to create capacity in the system, training LEA and school staff in the tools and techniques of the remodelling change management process.
- The NRT has now been charged with working with local authorities to support 2,500 schools in the development of core extended services in line with the government's extended schools prospectus (by September 2006). As with workforce reform, extended schools remodelling will employ a cascade structure with 14 regional remodelling advisers and an extended schools remodelling adviser (ESRA) in every local authority.
- The NRT will work closely with ContinYou and 4Children at both national and regional level to ensure a comprehensive package of support to authorities and schools.

## Working together to support extended services in and around schools

### 4Children

Providing strategic advice and practical support to childcare service providers and local authorities to develop quality, sustainable childcare solutions

A team of regional development managers providing expert advice and best practice guidance on all aspects of childcare linked to extended schools, including delivery models and quality assurance programmes

### ContinYou

Networking and sharing good practice enables schools and local authorities to tap into existing expertise from a wide variety of sources and engage partners more readily

A team of TESSS regional development officers provides expertise on the technical aspects of extended schools and link to ContinYou's broader expertise in Health Improvement, Community Regeneration, Study Support and Family

### NRT

The remodelling change process allows schools to develop extended services which meet the needs of pupils, families and the wider community

A team of NRT regional remodelling advisers supported by a London based team support the local authority extended schools remodelling advisers (ESRAs) to help schools to lead reform.