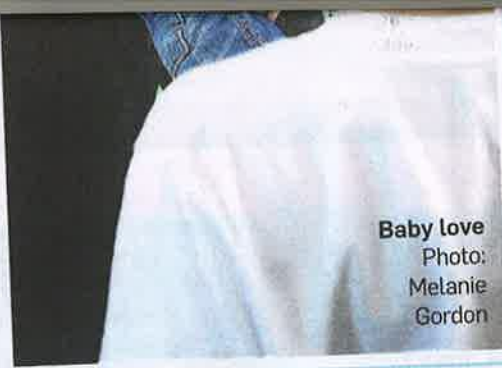


feelings. They were horrified at the thought of someone hurting a baby and this made them [realise] that no one deserves to be hurt."

The programme has obvious applications in dealing with aggressive behaviour and bullying in children.

It also teaches children about the importance of love and nurture in a baby's development and the responsibility that parenting entails. Children also recognise, name and deal with their own feelings, a useful tool for maintaining good mental health into adulthood.

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Baby love

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YOUNG SCIENTISTS



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The Scientist Factory is Norway's main provider of courses in science and scientific research for children

FORSKERFABRIKKEN, THE Scientist Factory, was founded in 2002 by Dr Philos Hanne S Finstad and is Norway's main provider of courses in science and scientific research for children. Norway lags behind other OECD countries in the quality of science teaching. Finstad says that every scientist has a "eureka" moment that sparks his or her passion.

"Development within natural sciences and technology is extremely rapid," she says. "Each year, the gap between what students learn in school and what is going on in the outside world widens. The Scientist Factory was established to face this challenge."

Even passionate science teachers struggle with outdated equipment, texts and lack of institutional commitment, she says. Part of her plan is to help schools to update their classrooms and reimagine their approach.

The Scientist Factory is now available to children and teachers in most areas in Norway. The project has grown to more than 3,000 children and 1,200 teachers. The aim is to provide a unique science experience to 20,000 children per year in Norway.

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