

The Great North Early Years Stronger Practice Hub

December Newsletter



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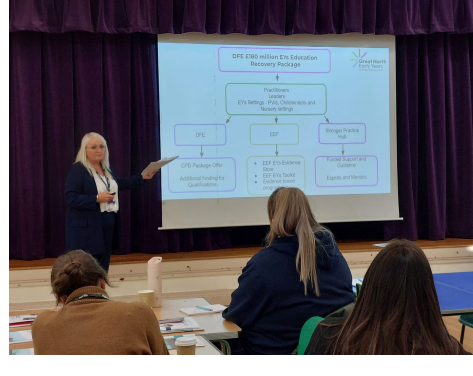
Our newsletter will cover how we can help you and your setting through evidence-informed practices. Click below to access the areas of interest.

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Thanks for attending our events so far!

Wow! Thank you so much for supporting us and attending our launch events across Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle. We had over 200 practitioners attend, it was fantastic to meet so many Early Years Practitioners and we are looking forward to working with you all across the rest of this academic year.

We are delighted to say that we now have 251 settings who have signed up as members of the Great North Early Years Stronger Practice hub.



Our Recent Events

Early Identification, Early Action Network

Our first networking event was a huge success. The session was full of key information from the EEF and how this has been used to improve evidence-informed practice with regards to early identification and SEND provision at Central Primary School. There were several opportunities for networking and practitioners found the tour of the environments extremely beneficial.

"I found the information shared around the SEND toolkit and their graduated approach most useful. My next step is the development of the toolkit for our staff and to review our strategies and resources to support children's needs."

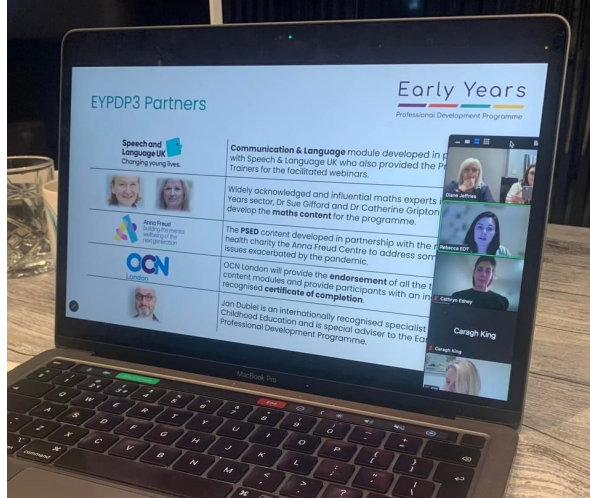
"It was really useful to find out about the EEF Evidence Store, look around at the provision and see how SEND provision is built into the learning environment".



EYPDP Webinars

We had a fantastic turn out from practitioners interested in signing up for the EYPDP. It was a very informative session and included a section from Jan Dubiel (Early Childhood Education Specialist) who quoted, ***"This course will supercharge your subject knowledge and skills to best support all children to achieve better outcomes"***.

Recruitment for cohort 4 is now open and new dates will be added to the SPH CPD calendar in January/February if you want to find out more.


[Register for Cohort 4](#)

Simple Guide to the EEF and How To Use It - Webinar

Our audit showed that 52% of PVIs and nursery settings and 73% of childminders are not familiar with the Early Years documentation on the EEF website.

Jen Ogden, Deputy Director of Town End Research School, delivered a very informative session on the EEF key documentation including the Early Years Evidence Store and the Early Years Toolkit and practitioners left this session with a great insight into this evidence-filled valuable resource.

"Thank you for this session. I am at the beginning of the EEF journey so this was really useful".

[Click to request the recorded webinar](#)


We are proud to work alongside Town End Research School for evidence-informed practices and research to strengthen Early Years settings!

[Learn more about Town End Research School](#)

Audit Complete

Thank you so much to everyone who completed our audit. We have had 239 responses which is absolutely fantastic! We are overwhelmed and would like to say a huge thank you to the amount of expressions of interest we've received from settings and childminders, who have offered to support and work in partnership with the Great North Early Years Stronger Practice Hub. We are analysing all of the information on the audit to inform the CPD offer for Spring and Summer terms.

Please see below for some of the key dates coming up and more will continue to follow!

Dates for your Diary

Due to high demand on the following subjects, we have some upcoming events in January and February. These sessions are accessible for all childminders and Early Years practitioners working with children 0-5 across Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle. Watch out for further dates being released bespoke to each Local Authority and specific childminder sessions too!

January 9th or 13th

Early Years SENCO Level 3 Qualification
(Virtual Event)

Learn more

January 31st

Social Emotional Learning in Early Years at
Town End Academy, Sunderland

Learn more

February 6th

Early Identification/Early Action:Working
with Parents/Carers at Central Primary

Learn more

February 12th

Total Communication at Cleaswell High
School

Learn more

February 15th

How intelligent materials can support
mathematical learning at Goosehill Nursery

Learn more

February 27th

Developing Prosody into Fluency in
Language Part 1 at Central Primary

Learn more

March 5th

Developing Prosody into Fluency in
Language Part 2 at Central Primary

Learn more

March 7th

Movement is a Child's First Language at
Goosehill Nursery

Learn more

View all of our upcoming CPD events on our website!

See all our events

Our Latest Blogs and Case Studies

Case Study: Evidence-Informed Practice Linked to Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Children's Personal, Social and Emotional development (PSED) is crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives, and is fundamental to their cognitive development. Underpinning their personal development are the important attachments that shape their social world. Learn more about how evidence-informed practice is used to support children's PSED, SEL and Communication and Language development.

Read the case study

Blog: Resource Spotlight - Anna Freud

As a Stronger Practice Hub, we consistently are looking out for resources that highlight and assist Early Years Practitioners.

Anna Freud, a leading mental health charity dedicated to children and families, has been at the forefront of pioneering mental health care for over seven decades.

Read our blog post

Blog: Unlocking Potential: The Vital Role of Early Identification and Action for SEND in Early Years Education

As dedicated early years practitioners, our role in shaping a child's educational journey is unparalleled.

We'll be drawing on insights from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and the Department for Education (DfE) Recovery Programme, so let's delve into the key aspects that underpin the importance of early intervention in fostering positive outcomes for early years children.

Read our blog post

DfE Training Programmes

Child Development Online Training



New Mathematics module added to the Early Years Child Development training

Module 6: Mathematics is now available and covers:

- Nurturing mathematical development from birth
- Number including verbal counting, object counting and subitising
- Patterns and relationships
- Spatial reasoning, including shape, space and measures

This module is available along with 5 other modules including child and brain development, personal, social and emotional development, communication and language and physical development.

A new feature has been added to the training which enables users to access the modules in any order. However, the DfE do recommend that the modules are completed in consecutively as the training has been designed to build on previous modules, starting with child and brain development underpinning all the others.

Learn more

National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership



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Stronger Practice Hubs/NCB Event,
Birmingham

Learn more

EEF Programmes

As part of the Department of Education's Early Years Recovery Programme, we are working with the EEF to fund the following programmes.



Elklan - Communication-Friendly Home-Based Settings

Calling all childminders! Elklan's Communication Friendly Home-Based Settings (CFHBS) will give childminders an enhanced knowledge about speech, language and communication (SLC) development and how to support all children but particularly those who have, or are at risk of having, a SLC need.



Calling all Nursery practitioners! Elklan's Communication Friendly Settings (CFS) will give practitioners an enhanced knowledge about speech, language and communication (SLC) development and how to support all children but particularly those who have, or are at risk of having, a SLC need.



NELI Preschool is a new nursery-delivered oral language enrichment and intervention programme for children in the year before they enter formal education – usually three to four year olds. The programme provides a 20-week evidence-based language intervention for all children, as well as additional targeted support

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Other Great North Stronger Practice Hub News

Great North Stronger Practice Hub Leaders were delighted to be invited and attended several networking sessions across Durham, Newcastle and Northumberland. These included a nursery leaders briefing and a childminder network in Durham and an Early Years Leaders meeting in Newcastle. We also received additional invites from our Northumberland colleagues to attend communication and language network meetings, as part of their local CPD offers to Early Years settings.

These sessions were a great way for us to work in partnership with the LA teams and Early Years practitioners, to gather information and identify areas of need to inform content of the SPH CPD programme for Spring 1. We can't wait to attend more in the coming months and thank you again for being so welcoming!



Hub Leaders attended the NCB's Stronger Practice Hub event in Birmingham, where our team had the opportunity to network and share ideas with leads from the other 17 hubs from across the UK. It was great to have this opportunity to network and we came away with many ideas to share about evidence-informed practice and provision.

Strategic Partner News

Congratulations to our strategic partner and staff at Detham and Central Primary schools. Both schools were inspected by Ofsted in October and we are delighted to report they received an outstanding grade for their Early Years settings.



Learn more

*Happy
Christmas Break*

We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break with your loved ones!

We hope you have found some content that can support you within this newsletter. If you are looking for something more specific, don't hesitate to reach out to us directly!

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