

The Great North Early Years Stronger Practice Hub

July Newsletter and Key Dates for your Diary



Welcome!

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

There are new dates for your diary so please ensure you check them out!

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July's Highlights: A Month of Growth and Connection!

July has been an incredible month for the Stronger Practice Hub, filled with valuable learning and fantastic engagement. We're so grateful to everyone who contributed and participated!

A huge thank you to **Haltwhistle Academy** for generously hosting a brilliant early years leads meeting – it was a truly productive session. We also extend our thanks to **Sue Asquith** for her incredibly informative 'Safer Eating' webinar, providing essential insights for all attendees.

We were delighted to welcome **Stella Jones, Director of Town End Research School**, who delivered an excellent webinar on the 'Strive for Five' approach, offering practical and impactful strategies. And a special thank you to **Hadrian Park** for hosting a wonderful network session focused on 'The Power of Adult Interactions,' sparking engaging discussions.

Finally, our **childminder network sessions** have seen fantastic engagement this month, including vibrant gatherings with **Hartbeeps** and at **Brocksbushes**. Our **online early years leaders network** also continued to thrive with strong attendance.

Thank you to every single person who attended, hosted, and contributed to these valuable events. Your participation makes our community stronger!



Dates for your Diary


Please see below for a range of **fully funded** CPD available to book. Unless stated otherwise, these sessions are open to all childminders and educators working in Early Years settings across the North East.

[See all our events](#)

Grow Your Early Years Practice This Summer!

LET YOUR PRACTICE GROW THIS SUMMER! JOIN US FOR GROWING PRACTICE, A NATIONAL SERIES OF EARLY YEARS WEBINARS HOSTED BY STRONGER PRACTICE HUBS ACROSS ENGLAND. OPEN TO EARLY YEARS EDUCATORS AT ALL LEVELS, THESE STAND-ALONE SESSIONS BRING TOGETHER EVIDENCE-INFORMED INSIGHTS, PRACTICAL STRATEGIES AND A SHARED COMMITMENT TO HIGH QUALITY LEARNING.

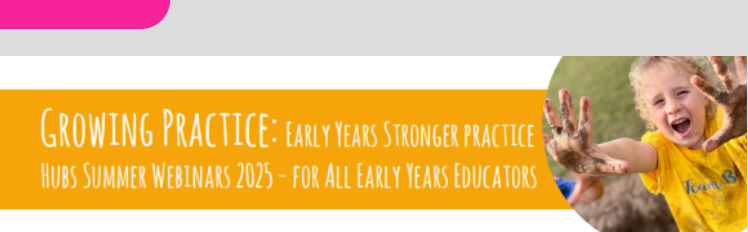
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INSPIRATION. CONNECTION. EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICE FOR ALL EARLY YEARS EDUCATORS

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WEBINAR	DATE & TIME	SIGN UP
REACHOUT SPH EAST OF ENGLAND: ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS IN THE EARLY YEARS SETTING	WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 7:00PM TO 8:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
HEART MIDLANDS EY SPH: DEVELOPING YOUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN	MONDAY 28TH JULY 1:00PM TO 3:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
THAMES VALLEY AND SOUTH CENTRAL EY SPH: BABIES' BRAINS AND COGNITION BY DR MONA SAKR	TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE	ACCESS HERE
DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE EY SPH: EXPLORING THE EEF RESOURCES	TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 1:00PM TO 2:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
EARLY YEARS SOUTH WEST SPH: SUPPORTING VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT	WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2:30PM TO 5:00PM OR FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST 9:30AM TO 11:00AM	SIGN UP HERE
BRISTOL AND BEYOND EY SPH: SLEEP SUPPORT FOR SEND FAMILIES	WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 4:00PM TO 6:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
LONDON SOUTH EY SPH: SCHEMATIC PLAY WITH STELLA LOUIS	THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 7:30PM TO 8:00PM	SIGN UP HERE



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BRISTOL AND BEYOND EY SPH: AN INTRODUCTION TO STAFF SUPERVISION	MONDAY 11TH AUGUST 4:00PM TO 6:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
NORTHERN LIGHTS AND GREAT NORTH EY SPH: SUPPORTING SELF-REGULATION IN THE HOME ENVIRONMENT	MONDAY 11TH AUGUST 4:30PM TO 8:30PM	SIGN UP HERE FOR ALL CHILDMINDERS
HEART MIDLANDS EY SPH: SUPPORTING SELF REGULATION IN THE EARLY YEARS	WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST 10:00AM TO 11:00AM OR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
ST EDMUNDS EY SPH: SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILIES WITH TOILET TRAINING	WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST 6:00PM TO 7:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER TOGETHER EY SPH: WORKING WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE PRE-VERBAL	THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 6:00PM TO 8:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
EAST OF ENGLAND EY SPH: SUPPORTING AND EMPATHY WITH TAMISIN GRIMMER	THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 6:30PM TO 8:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
LIVERPOOL CITY AND BEYOND EY SPH: INTRODUCING THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AUDIT	WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST 4:00PM TO 7:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
KENT AND BEYOND EY SPH: EARLY YEARS DATE NIGHT - WATCH A RECORDED WEBINAR OF GREG BOTTRILL'S "AN ADVENTURE INTO THE KINGDOM OF PLAY"	THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST 7:00PM TO 8:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
NORTHERN LIGHTS AND GREAT NORTH EY SPH: CURRICULUM BUILDING	WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 6:00PM TO 8:00PM	SIGN UP HERE
BRISTOL AND BEYOND EY SPH: SUPPORTING STRONG THROUGH PLAY	WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST 7:00PM TO 8:00PM	SIGN UP HERE

Wednesday 17th September 1pm-4pm

New Early Years Leaders Network - Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders at Croftway Academy, Blyth (Session 1)

[Learn more](#)

Tuesday 23rd September 8am-8.40am

Online Early Years Leaders Breakfast Briefing Network

[Learn more](#)

Wednesday 24th September 1pm-4pm

New Early Years Leaders Network - Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders at Lighthouse View, Seaham (Session 1)

[Learn more](#)

Tuesday 30th September 8am-8.40am

Online Early Years SEND Breakfast Briefing Network

[Learn more](#)

Wednesday 8th October 7.00pm-8.00pm

Online BBC Tiny Happy People Champion Training

[Learn more](#)

Tuesday 11th November 8am-8.40am

Online Early Years Leaders Breakfast Briefing Network

[Learn more](#)

Wednesday 19th Nov 3.45pm-4.45pm

Tuesday 25th November 8am-8.40am

Online: New Early Years Leaders Network - Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders (Session 2)

Online Early Years SEND Breakfast Briefing Network

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Save the Dates - More Information Coming Soon!

- Monday 15th September - 5.00pm to 7.30pm - **Webinar: 'Working with 2 Year Olds' with Sue Asquith**
- Tuesday 16th September - Time TBC - **Network at Wingate Community Nursery 'Conflict, Collaboration and Cooperation: Supporting Children as they Navigate the Social World'**
- Saturday 20th September - AM - **Tiny Tweeties CPD session** - Venue TBC
- Tuesday 23rd September - 1.30pm to 3.30pm - **Autism Education Trust CPD 'Good Autism Practice'** - Venue TBC
- Thursday 25th September - 9.30am to 11.30am - **Childminder Network at Brocksbushes Play Barn**
- Thursday 25th September - 6.30pm to 7.30pm - **Castle Kindergarten (Albany) Network**
- Tuesday 30th September - 1.30pm to 3.30pm - **Autism Education Trust CPD 'Suite of Resources for Leaders'** - Venue TBC

Childminder Network Sessions



These sessions are FREE for childminders and for children 0-5 years. They will give you the opportunity to network and build relationships with like minded individuals, whilst supporting the children to engage in fun & interactive singing and storytelling sessions with a highly trained and skilled Hartbeeps Imaginator.

We have organised a monthly childminder network in the following venues:

Rising Sun Country Park, Benton - Dates and Times TBC

Fawdon Community Family Hub, Newcastle - Dates and Times TBC

Blyth South Beach HQ - Dates and Times TBC

Lanchester Community Centre (10.30am-11.30am)

Friday 19th September, Friday 3rd October, Friday 14th November

Click [here](#) to book.

Spennymoor Community Centre (1.30pm-2.30pm)

Wednesday 17th September, Wednesday 22nd October, Wednesday 12th November

Click [here](#) to book.

Sherburn Community Centre (1.00pm-2.00pm)

Wednesday 24th September, Wednesday 15th October, Wednesday 12th November

Click [here](#) to book.

Blog

“More Than Just Picky Eating”: Food and Nutrition in Children with Restricted Diets



Does the thought of mealtime challenges leave you feeling a little lost?

With new Early Years Nutrition Guidance on the horizon, understanding restricted diets is more critical than ever.

In this blog, Cleaswell Hill Specialist School peel back the layers to reveal how anxiety, sensory experiences, and neurodiversity shape a child's relationship with food – get ready to rethink "picky eating."

Read the Blog

DfE/EEF News



Early years foundation stage statutory framework

For group and school-based providers

Setting the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five

Dated: 14 July 2025

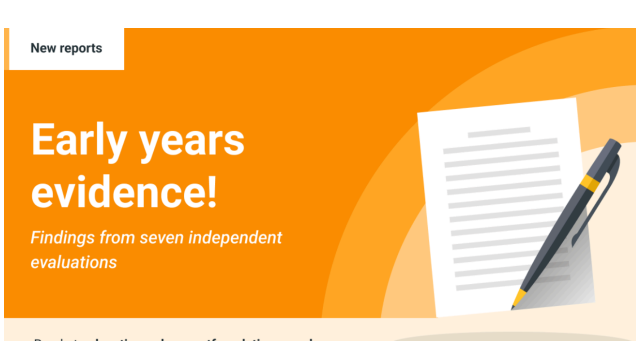
Effective: 01 September 2025

This new version of the Early Years Statutory Framework will come into force on 1st September 2025.

The EYFS framework:

- sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well
- ensures children are kept healthy and safe
- ensures children have the knowledge and skills they need to start school

Find out more



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New Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Evaluations

The EEF has released findings from seven independent evaluations of early years programmes - including their first ever evaluation focused on childminders.

The reports share insights on how to support young children's communication, language, and early maths development, based on evidence from over 500 early years settings.

Other News

Stronger Practice Hub Extension

Great news for early years educators! The **Stronger Practice Hubs** programme has been extended until **March 2029**, with the number of hubs also set to double to 36. This significant extension reflects the proven positive impact the hubs have had on improving outcomes for young children across England, particularly in areas of higher deprivation. It ensures continued access to vital evidence-informed practice, professional development, and strong local networks, empowering more settings and practitioners to deliver the highest quality early years education and care.

Bespoke Support

Empower your setting or school with our flexible and responsive bespoke support services! We understand that every setting has unique challenges and aspirations, which is why we offer tailored guidance precisely aligned with your individual needs. Whether you're preparing for a SEND Review, seeking to develop a robust Early Intervention Strategy, or aiming to enhance your Early Years provision through a comprehensive audit, our experienced team is dedicated to helping you achieve your specific goals.

Our bespoke support can be booked to address a range of specific requirements, including:

- Bespoke support for individual schools as per request:** Tailored solutions designed to address your unique challenges and priorities, drawing on the latest research evidence.
- Supported NASEN SEND review with an Early Years peer:** Collaborative review from an Early Years Practitioner who has completed the NASEN SEND Reviewer training. Supportive action planning drawing on EEF Early Years and SEND documentation.
- Early Intervention Strategy development:** Assistance in creating and implementing effective strategies to identify and support children with emerging needs. Map out the resources and training available in your locality to support children with SEND. This session draws on the advice from EEF SEND documentation.

Availability for our bespoke support is limited, and we are committed to prioritising settings and schools located in areas of disadvantage or those providing crucial support to vulnerable children. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to invest in your children's futures and cultivate a thriving learning environment. Contact us today to discuss your specific needs and secure your bespoke support package. Let us partner with you to make a meaningful and lasting impact.

[Request bespoke support](#)



We are proud to work alongside Town End Research School to raise the profile of using evidence-informed practice and research to strengthen Early Years settings and improve outcomes for children.

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