

The Great North Early Years Stronger Practice Hub

September 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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Hartbeep Sessions

Hartbeeps have continued to deliver high-quality communication and language based sessions at childminder networks across Durham which have been met with fantastic praise.

"I've found the hub great in bringing people together. Personally it's given me a boost to want to improve both myself professionally and my setting. Thank you!"

We also funded Hartbeeps to go into some PVI and nursery settings, including a special education school. These settings are located in the most deprived areas across the North East region and were successful at securing a session after expressing an interest at our conference.

"The pupils loved the session and were engaged throughout. The facilitator adapted the session according to staff feedback and the pupil's individual needs. The high level of social interaction, communication and overall happiness/regulation was a joy to see. Especially in the first week of term!"



Forest School Workshop - 'Leaving our Mark' with Goosehill Early Excellence

The wonderful evidence-informed forest school workshops are back. This session, called 'leaving our mark' left practitioners inspired with lots of ideas, to support children's communication, language and literacy development in the forest.

"It was fantastic to see the children accessing the learning environment and all of the evidence-informed practice in action!"



'Self Regulation: Understanding and Supporting Children's Behaviour in Early Years' Network at St Margaret's Church of England Primary School

This was a fantastic network session which highlighted several evidence-informed ways to support children's self regulation.



Dates for your Diary

Please see below for a range of CPD available to book for FREE. Unless stated otherwise, these sessions are open to all childminders and practitioners working in early years settings across the North East.

See all our events

Last few remaining spaces! FREE Early Years Conference

Calling all Childminders and Early Years Practitioners!

Come along to listen to educationalists sharing the most up-to-date Early Years research available. Engage in fun and interactive practical workshops, delivered by Early Years professionals currently practising in a range of Early Years settings from across our region; to learn how they implement best evidence-informed approaches and practices, to achieve better outcomes for all children.

Each practitioner will receive a goody bag to support



The Great North Early Years Stronger Practice Hub
Childminder Conference

Creating Confident Communicators: Providing the Best Start for All Children

PLEASE NOTE: We are also taking bookings from practitioners working across all types of EYs provisions, including PVI's and nursery settings. All content covered in our conference presentations and workshops is appropriate for any practitioner, manager, or professional working in EYs settings with children from birth to five years old.

Saturday 12th October 2024

The Grand Hotel, Gosforth Park,
Newcastle, NE3 5HN

- Arrival from 8.30am (hot breakfast sandwiches)
- 9am start
- 12.30pm finish

Book your place now!



communication and language
back in your setting.

Book Now



Tuesday 1st October 2024 4pm-5.15pm

'Elevating EYFS practices through the underpinning of clarity, routines, expectations and persistence!' at Bothal Primary School, Ashington

Learn more

Thursday 3rd October 4.30pm-5.30pm

Goosehill Early Excellence Autumn Forest School Network Session in Bothal Woods, Morpeth

Learn more

Tuesday 8th October 1pm-2.30pm

'Forest School in Action: Woodland Tales' with Goosehill Early Excellence in Bothal Woods, Morpeth

Childminders - Learn more

PVIs/Schools Learn more

Tuesday 8th October 5-5.45pm

Webinar: 'Vocabulary Matters' Virtual via Zoom with Newcastle Research School

Learn more

Monday 14th October 1pm-2.30pm

'Forest School in Action: Nurtured in Nature' with Goosehill Early Excellence in Bothal Woods, Morpeth

Childminders - Learn more

PVIs/Schools Learn more

Thursday 17th October 3.30pm-5.30pm

Autism Education Trust (AET): Good Autism Practice at Haltwhistle Academy, Haltwhistle

Learn more

Thursday 24th October 1pm-4pm

'In the Forest - A Practical Introduction to Forest School' Network Session with Beechdale Nursery School, Consett

Learn more

Thursday 24th October 3.45-4.45pm

Webinar: 'Understanding the Brain: Exploring Self and Co-Regulation as the Foundation for Early Communication Development' with Town End Research School

Learn more

Saturday 9th November 9.30-11am

'Embracing Loose Parts in Nature for Holistic Learning Opportunities' Networking Event at Castle Kindergarten (Sacriston)

Learn more

There are also several FREE pre-recorded webinars that you can request to watch in your own time covering a range of topics, including communication and language and PSED.

Learn more

Thursday 14th November 5 - 5.45pm

Webinar: 'The ShREC Approach' Virtual via Zoom with Newcastle Research School

Learn more



Blogs

Intergenerational Engagement, Friendships and Learning Together



Childsplay Nursery, a non-profit cooperative in Newcastle, has been a pioneer in early childhood education for over 40 years. Guided by the Reggio Emilia approach, the nursery focuses on fostering curiosity and learning through exploration. Their innovative intergenerational project, launched in 2022, brings preschool children together with older adults at a local care village, creating meaningful relationships across generations. Through shared stories, activities, and learning, the children and residents have formed deep bonds, enriching each other's lives. This unique collaboration has not only strengthened communication skills but also demonstrated the transformative power of intergenerational practice.

Download the Blog

DfE News

DfE Early Education and Childcare Expansion Provider Roadshow

SAVE THE DATE

DfE Early Education and Childcare Expansion Provider Roadshow

Thursday 7th November 2024
Hilton Hotel, Gateshead, NE8 2AR
10:30am - 3:30pm

Book now!

Find out more

The [Department for Education](#) are running a series of roadshow events for Early Education and Childcare providers across the country. During the day, you can expect the following:

- Engage in a range of sessions focused on Early Years Provision and Childcare.
- Meet with Department for Education officials to share your ideas, concerns and thoughts.
- Hear how the Department for Education is working on the government's vision and reforms.

If you're a group-based setting manager who has, or will have, a role or interest in providing additional places as a result of the government's childcare expansion you can sign up now.

DfE: Online Early Years SEND training, assessment guidance and resources

A new module focused on supporting children with individual differences and needs has been added to the DfE's [early years child development training](#). The training can be paused and restarted at any time and a certificate of achievement is awarded on completion of each module.

The DfE has also published new [Early Years SEND assessment guidance and resources](#) on the [Help for early years providers platform](#).

Other Great North Stronger Practice Hub News

Bespoke Advice and Feedback

Our Hub is here to signpost you to any appropriate support or to put together a bespoke package in collaboration with your Local Authority offer. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

[Get in touch](#)



We offer bespoke advice and feedback!

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