



# YORKSHIRE & HUMBER TOGETHER EARLY YEARS STRONGER PRACTICE HUB

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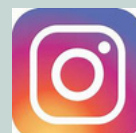
## JULY NEWS 2026



July is here! Our new booking system is working well with new CPD opportunities being added weekly! Please look for the icon linked to each event .....  click for further information and to book unless it states otherwise.

What's on?

Check the national Stronger Practice Hubs website for all the latest updates and useful resources



<https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/>



# The Golden Key:

The Golden Key is an online training programme for early years practitioners, including those working as key person in maintained nurseries, PVI settings and as childminders.



[Click here to book!](#)



## PROGRAMME DETAILS:

The programme will support practitioners to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence around:

- Legislation for SEND in the Early Years.
- High-quality interactions, observation techniques and assessment tools to identify children's learning and development needs.
- Supporting children with SEND through the Graduated Approach.
- Building relationships with children and their parents/carers.
- Awareness of the role of the SENCO, outside agencies, and how to work together effectively to support children with SEND.
- The principles of effective transition.

## PROGRAMME DELIVERY:

Taking place over four 2-hour sessions ONLINE, this training programme will be delivered on:

- Session 1 - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- Session 2 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026
- Session 3 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026
- Session 4 - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2026

All sessions start at 6:30pm prompt

Spaces are limited, so please register to secure your place as soon as possible.

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# Upcoming events - join us

## Communication and Language

These are online and face to face sessions focusing on supporting you with children's development in Communication and Language. You have told us that this is one of the highest areas of need for you in your settings. Join like minded people to learn, share and reflect! We are always welcoming new members to our groups.

### Speech and Language network

This is a regular network with a different theme each month. Delivered by the Seaside SALT team and includes Q&A

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30-8pm*

*Understanding Information Carrying Words*

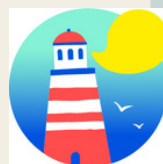
**BOOK NOW**

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30-8pm*

*Introduction to Intensive Interaction*

*(intervention for children developing intentional nonverbal communication)*

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**Seaside SaLT**  
Speech and language therapy

**BLOG**

Read Helen Harron's blog about supporting language 0-2

<https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/hubs/yh/yh-tgh-eysph/resources/blog-supporting-children-under-2-communication-development>



# Upcoming events - join us

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

These are online and face to face sessions focusing on helping you to support children with SEND. This is the number 1 area of need requested at the moment.

We are utilising the expertise of our partners at St Paul's Nursery School in York who are an Enhanced Resourced Provision for children with SEND. There are a mixture of networks and webinars planned and we will be responsive to your ongoing requests for support,

### SEND Network

*This is a regular ONLINE network with a different theme each month. Delivered by Claire Rigden, Headteacher at St Paul's.*

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 4-5.30pm  
Celebrating Progress of SEND  
Children*

**BOOK NOW**



### SEND Webinars

*Join Martin Cumming, SENCo at St Paul's Nursery for these 30 minute webinars*

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 4-4.30pm  
Transitions from setting  
to setting*

**BOOK NOW**



# Upcoming events - join us

## Leadership

We understand the challenges of being an Early Years Leader at the moment. Our leadership sessions aim to support you in whatever leadership position you are in to support your setting to develop and improve in a culture of ongoing reflective practice.

### Leadership of 0-2 provision - FACE TO FACE

Charlotte Dunster-Page is a Clinical Psychologist and founding director of Born to Bond CIC. She has extensive experience in the NHS, including leading in a parent-infant relationship service.

Charlotte offers training, consultation and supervision to health and education staff around infant mental health, baby sleep and perinatal mental health. This foundation session is for 0-2 room leaders / managers

*Scarborough - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July*  
*9.30am-1.30pm*

**BOOK NOW**



**BLOG**

Infant Mental Health in the baby room by Charlotte Dunster-Page  
[https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/docuemnt/54/Infant%20Mental%20Health%20Jan%202026%20%281%29\\_0.pdf](https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/docuemnt/54/Infant%20Mental%20Health%20Jan%202026%20%281%29_0.pdf)

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## Childminders

We recognise the unique challenges that childminders face accessing high quality CPD. Our sessions consider timings carefully and also include sessions that your mindees can join you on!

### Childminder Networks

*Join Georgina Young of Young One's Childminding in these ONLINE sessions.*

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 6.45-7.30pm*

*Loose Parts, Big Thinking: Unlocking Open-Ended Play*

**BOOK NOW**

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 6.45-7.30pm*

*Schemes Behind the Scenes: An Introduction to Schematic play*

**BOOK NOW**

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 6.45-7.30pm*

*Seeing the Learning: Supporting Schematic Play in Practice*

**BOOK NOW**





# Upcoming events - join us

## Childminders

Join Ria Machin of Mana Childcare - an outstanding Ofsted Registered Childminder with a Hygge in the early years accredited setting, for these ONLINE Childminder Webinars

*Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 6.45-7.30pm*

### *How to become an Ofsted registered Childminder*

Ria will guide you step by step through the process of becoming a childminder, making it clear and manageable. She will explain the requirements of the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage), helping you understand how to meet standards for safeguarding, learning, and development. With her support, you'll learn about registration, training, and setting up your environment so it is safe, stimulating, and compliant. Ria's guidance ensures you feel confident and well-prepared to begin your journey as a professional childminder.

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*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 6.45-7.30pm*

### *Childminder leadership & recruitment*

Ria will support fellow childminders in developing strong leadership skills and confidently managing their settings. She will guide you on how to lead a team effectively, create a positive working environment, and ensure high standards of care in line with the EYFS. Ria will also take you through the recruitment process for hiring assistants, clearly explaining expectations and responsibilities. With reference to the Department for Education (DfE) safer recruitment process, she will help you understand how to carry out thorough checks, conduct fair interviews, and ensure all staff are suitable to work with children, so your setting remains safe, professional, and well-managed.

**BOOK NOW**



# New fully funded opportunity

## Maths Champions

Maths Champions is an online professional development programme with 12 months access developed by National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA).

The programme consists of nine steps which can be completed flexibly around your schedule.

The aim of the programme is to increase practitioner knowledge, awareness and confidence in supporting early mathematics in order to improve outcomes for children.

Participating nurseries will nominate a Maths Champion and Deputy Maths Champion who will lead the programme supporting and driving improvement.

Scan the QR code to express interest in this fabulous programme and start the journey to receiving over £1000 worth of training for FREE!

Check out this video showcasing the Maths Champions programme .....

Video featuring Greenfields Childcare:

[https://youtu.be/KP\\_GyKM\\_KLI](https://youtu.be/KP_GyKM_KLI)



**Fully funded places now available**



Worth £1205 the Maths Champions programme is FREE for nurseries in England

**Secure your funded place today!**



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