CHILDHAVEN EARLY YEARS STRONGER PRACTICE HUB

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NOVEMBER NEWS 2026



What's new this month? .....

We are excited to announce another addition to our offer of resources - the Childhaven EYSPH Padlet!! **Click HERE to check it out!!**

We continue to provide lot's of new opportunities over the coming months, including Early Years Learning Lead Programme's in PSED, Language and Maths, the all new 'Time to talk', new Open Setting Visits with our partners, along with other fully funded CPD networks and events. Full information on all opportunities, and how to book, can be found below. We are also still available with bespoke advice and support. Our offer is available to all practitioners working within Early Years within the North Yorkshire, York and East Riding of Yorkshire regions. If you are outside of these areas, please visit this link to find your hub

https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/hubs

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO OUR RE-BRANDED HUB AND WON'T MISS OUT ON THE LATEST NEWS AND CPD UPDATES

Childhaven Early Years Stronger Practice Hub

FOR QUICK ACCESS TO FURTHER INFORMATION FOR CHILDHAVEN EYSPH MEMBERS - CLICK HERE

Early Years Learning Leads
Early Years Stronger Practice CPD (2-4 year olds)

Build a resilient team.
Elevate setting quality.

Invest in your workforce with free evidence-based professional development.



Delivered through your **local Early Years Stronger Practice Hub**, this training will be available to educators working with children **aged 2-4** from **October 2026**.

Why release staff to attend?

✔️ Free professional development – no course fees
✔️ Strengthen practice across your whole setting – learning is shared beyond those who attend
✔️ Build staff confidence and expertise in key areas of child development
✔️ Support school readiness and positive outcomes for children in your care
✔️ Invest in staff development and retention - supporting a positive culture
✔️ Evidence-based professional learning aligned with the Best Start in Life strategy

Three high-quality modules, developed by renowned early years experts:

- Communication and Language
- Early Mathematics
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Secure free training for your team. Contact your local Early Years Stronger Practice Hub today to find out more:

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TIME TO TALK

OUR EXPERT TEAM ARE ON HAND TO HELP YOU!

Time slots are available in November for advice and support. If you just need some friendly support or someone to talk, get in touch. We know how busy and stressful life can be in any early years setting and we want to offer our support for whatever you might need.

Contact our hub experts on their email address and they will be in touch to arrange a supportive conversation.

KATHRYN FIRTH - LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT



Kathryn is the headteacher at Childhaven Nursery School and is experienced in leading various early teams. She has successfully led teams through Outstanding Ofsted inspections and is available to talk about all aspects of early years leadership. Kathryn is an advocate of nurture-based approaches to supporting children and staff teams.

EMAIL: headteacher@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk

HELEN HARRON - SPEECH AND LANGUAGE



Helen is a speech and language therapist with over 30 years' experience working with preschool and school aged children. She has a special interest in working with children with developmental language disorder and complex speech sound disorders. Helen has worked in the NHS, for private and voluntary organisations and for the last six years, she has run her own not-for-profit speech and language therapy practice in Scarborough. As well as working directly with children she enjoys training and mentoring staff.

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CLAIRE WHITE - SEND



Claire has over 26 years' experience in education and is Executive Headteacher of four maintained nursery schools in the East Riding of Yorkshire.Her expertise includes SEND and inclusion, trauma-informed practice, emotional regulation, child development and supporting children whose behaviour can be challenging to understand and manage.

Claire has extensive experience supporting early years settings and practitioners locally and nationally, sharing research-informed approaches and practical strategies that make a real difference. She offers a warm, non-judgemental and solution-focused approach, helping practitioners reflect on challenges, understand children's needs and develop realistic strategies that work in everyday practice.

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CLAIRE RIGDEN- SEND



Claire has worked in education for over 21 years, undertaking the role of SENCO in every school in which she has worked. At the heart of Claire's approach is a belief that every child is an individual and deserves to have their unique needs recognised, understood and met. Her experiences as both a parent and a practitioner have given her a deep appreciation of the emotional journey that can accompany supporting children with SEND, and the importance of empathy, understanding and strong relationships with families.

Claire is passionate about helping practitioners develop the confidence, knowledge and skills to create truly inclusive environments where every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive.

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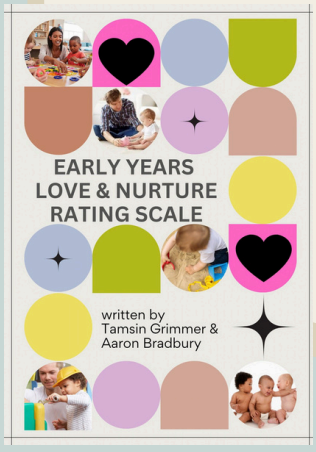
NEW CPD OPPORTUNITY

Thursday 14th January 2027, 6.30-8.30pm ONLINE
Love and Nurture in the Early Years

Join Tamsin Grimmer for this webinar as we think about the importance of loving and nurturing practices and gain confidence in using the Love and Nurture Rating Scale.

Our Learning Objectives for this 2 hour webinar are as follows:

- *To consider the importance of loving and nurturing practices when supporting children's emotional development and wellbeing.*
- *To explore the neuroscience that underpins loving and nurturing interactions;*
- *To investigate strategies which help to nurture children and families and promote their wellbeing;*
- *To gain confidence in using the Love and Nurture Rating Scale.*



BOOK NOW



OPEN SETTING VISITS

We are pleased to offer a choice of open setting visits throughout the remainder of this academic year - places are limited so please book early to avoid missing out:

ST PAULS NURSERY SCHOOL IN YORK

Tuesday 10th November 2026
Tuesday 13th April 2027
Tuesday 22nd June 2027

Join the team at our lead partner setting nursery school with Enhanced Resourced Provision for children with SEND. To book your 1 hour slot please email Natalie on natalie.sph@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk

BEVERLEY MANOR NURSERY SCHOOL

Monday 30th November 2026 | 1.00–5.00pm

Come and be inspired by outstanding early years practice! Join us at our Ofsted Outstanding nursery school to explore our ambitious, language-rich curriculum, inspiring learning environments and nurturing, trauma-informed approach. See how we bring together relational practice, emotional regulation, outdoor learning and purposeful play to help every child thrive.

Click HERE to book!

HORNSEA NURSERY SCHOOL

Monday 15th February 2027 8.15-11.30am

Discover what exceptional inclusion looks like in practice! Recognised by Ofsted as Exceptional for Inclusion, Hornsea Nursery School invites you to explore our inclusive, trauma-informed approach, where relationships, emotional regulation and a carefully designed curriculum underpin everything we do. Discover how our nurturing environments, movement-based approaches and ambitious learning experiences enable all children, including those with SEND, to flourish.

Click HERE to book!

PUDDLEDUCKS CHILDREN'S DAY NURSERY, SHERIFF HUTTON

Monday 23rd November 2026
Monday 8th March 2027

An opportunity to visit, observe and ask questions in a baby room. Observe routines, care practices and continuous provision in action. Gain an insight into how curiosity sits at the heart of effective 0-2 provision.

To book your 1 hour slot please email Natalie on natalie.sph@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk

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!

Childminders

Childminder Networks

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

Monday 9th November, 6.45-7.30pm
Maths in the Moment: Meaningful Maths Indoors

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Monday 7th December, 6.45-7.30pm
Seeing the Learning: Supporting Schematic Play in Practice.

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Join Ria Machin of Mana Childcare in these ONLINE and FACE TO FACE sessions:

Face to face session (Scarborough) for Childminders - Safer Sleep
Friday 20th November 1-2.30pm (minded children welcome to come along)
Friday 5th March 6.45-8.15pm (Repeat session for Adults only)

Please join me as we look at how the safer sleep and working with babies guidance works in reality for childminders. This meet-up will be an opportunity to come together, discuss the updated guidance, share experiences, ask questions and learn from one another in a relaxed, supportive environment. Whether you're experienced or just beginning your journey with babies, I hope you'll leave feeling more confident, informed and inspired in your practice.

Email: natalie.sph@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk to book

Online - Childminder Network for 0-2 years
Thursday 18th February 2027 - 6.45-7.45pm

This online meet-up will be an opportunity to share ideas, reflect on our practice, discuss the unique needs of our youngest children and explore how we can create environments where babies feel safe, valued and free to develop at their own pace. Whether you're already working with under-twos or hoping to welcome more babies into your setting, come along to connect with like-minded childminders, share experiences and leave feeling inspired and supported. It will also be an opportunity to follow on from the Childminding babies conference held in York on the 7th November.



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0-2 Years

Join Sarah Kelly, Founder and Managing Director of Puddleducks Children's Nurseries and one of our partner settings, for these online webinars:

Wednesday 2nd December 2026, 6.30-7.30pm
Effective Continuous Provision in the Baby Room

- Engaging babies through a purposeful environment
- Curiosity at the heart of provision
- Defining spaces at low level

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Monday 1st March 2027, 6.30-7.30pm
Attachment & an Effective Key Person System in the Baby Room

- Transitions & settling babies into the baby room
- Building warm and positive attachments and why this matters
- The importance of predictable people and routines

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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 a regular ONLINE network with a different theme each month. Delivered by Claire Rigden, Headteacher at St Pauls Nursery School, York..



Wednesday 18th November 2026, 4-5.30pm
Trauma Informed Practice and Self Regulation

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Further SEND Network dates for your diary:
20th January 2027, 14th April 2027, 30th June 2027

Open Setting Visits

Join the team at St Pauls Nursery School in York for these live setting visits.

Tuesday 10th November
Tuesday 13th April
Tuesday 22nd June

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SchemaPlay
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Limited spaces - Face to Face

Supporting Deep Learning Through SchemaPlay(TM)

Unlock the Power of Children's Self-Chosen Play

Join us in **York City Centre on Saturday 28th November, 9.30-3.30pm** for an inspiring full-day SchemaPlay™ training event designed for early years practitioners across the Hull & Humber region. This highly interactive session will deepen your understanding of how children's play reveals their developing schemes, concepts, and learning continuities — and how we can respond with rich environments, sensitive interactions and purposeful planning.

What You Will Explore

Identifying and interpreting children's trajectory, positioning, transporting, enveloping and other core schemes

Seeding environments that extend children's thinking and support metacognition

Using Sustained Shared Thinking (SST) to deepen children's problem-solving and enquiry

How SchemaPlay™ supports curriculum design, observation, assessment and planning

Real case studies from babies, toddlers, SEND and outdoor le**arning**

Who Is This Training For?

Nursery practitioners

Childminders

Early years teachers

SEND practitioners

Leaders and managers

Anyone passionate about meaningful, child-led learning

A Day of Inspiration, Exploration & Practical Strategies

Expect a warm, collaborative atmosphere with hands-on activities, professional dialogue and ideas you can take straight back to your setting.

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⭐Childminding Babies Conference⭐
Saturday 7th November at York
Final few places left!

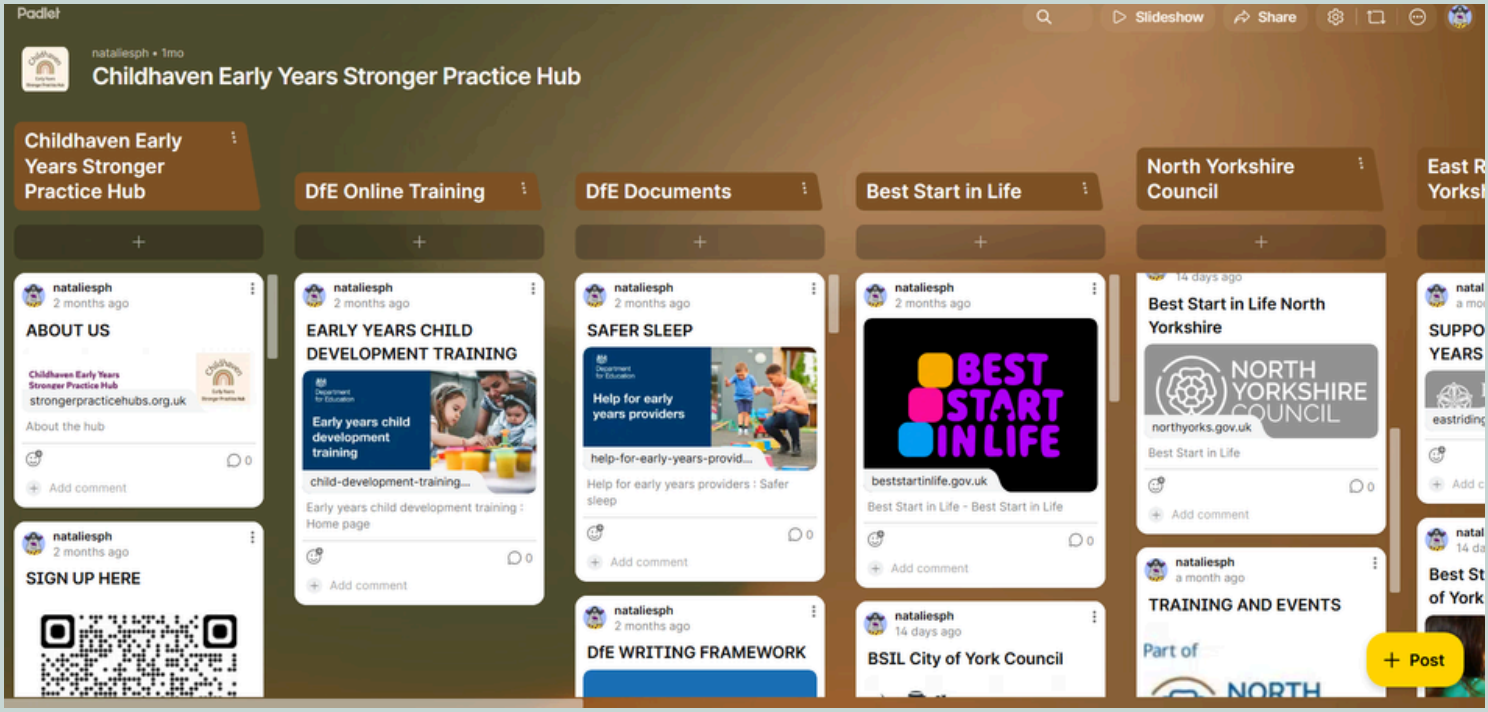
Workshop from the wonderful Debbie Brace.
Contribute to a Nuffield Foundation funded research project.
Ample time for networking
Delicious food!
Registration link: Click here



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We look forward to bringing you more updates in December!