

Could you be a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) champion for children in your community and wider? Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help (IPEH) have funding available to support work focused on improving access and securing sufficient quality 30 hours provision to support children with SEND.

- Are you a confident INCO/SENCO within your setting and keen to share practice ideas with others?
- Does your setting have established practices and provision that support children's individual needs?
- Does your setting have a robust Local Offer?
- Do you have an area of practice and provision that you would like support to develop?

IPEH is looking for three practitioners from each Hub (i.e. District or Borough) to join a SEND Champion programme run by National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) in partnership with West Sussex. You will have one year's paid enrolment to the programme, support and guidance from NDNA to explore and develop your SEND provision, plus access to numerous resources.

In addition to this, you will be supported to develop an area of your setting and write a case study to inspire others. Perhaps you have a project that you want to get off the ground? This could be the support programme you need to get going! Here are some examples of case studies - [SEND Champions | Elmscot Group](#), [SEND Champions | Embsay with Eastby Pre-School](#), [SEND Champions | Rosedene Kader](#)

You will be expected to attend and contribute to three INCO/SENCO networks over the course of the programme, engage in NDNA on-line training (along with colleagues from your setting), contribute to a closed Facebook group supported by NDNA and provide a case study to be shared on the West Sussex County Council website.

Your local IPEH Hub team will select three practitioners from the applications and will make sure there is one childminder, one day nursery and one pre-school represented from each Hub where possible.

Please express your interest via email by **Thursday 17 January 2019** in 500 words or less about your personal experience supporting children with SEND and an area of work in your setting you would like support in developing to enhance access to children with SEND. Plus, send us your Local Offer and Inclusion/SEND policies. We will do additional research following your nomination.

For further information about the programme [SEND Champions | childcare SEND support | NDNA](#)

For any queries, and to express your interest, please email free.entitlement@westsussex.gov.uk