

West Sussex Early Years Training Programme

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Trainer in the Spotlight – Sheila Inwards from STEP Consultancy



Step Consultancy was set up by Sheila Inwards in June 2018 and they offer Makaton support and training for Early Years Settings.

Sheila has worked in Childcare for 30 years running playgroups, being a foster and respite parent and running groups for families with special needs.

If you would like to find out more about Makaton the following taster sessions are running:

[Monday 7 May – 1:30pm – 4pm at Field Place, Worthing](#)

[Friday 31 May – 1:30pm – 4pm at Broadfield Youth and Community Centre, Broadfield](#)

[Wednesday 26 June – 10am – 12:30pm at County Hall, Chichester](#)

[Thursday 12 September – 10am – 12:30pm at The Park Centre, Burgess Hill](#)

[Thursday 12 September – 1:30pm – 4pm at The Park Centre, Burgess Hill](#)

[Monday 16 September – 10am – 12:30pm at County Hall North Horsham](#)

National Smile Month

National Smile Month is a long running and high profile campaign that is held throughout the UK to raise awareness of the importance of good oral hygiene. This year it is running between 13 May until 13 June.

The campaign encourages all professionals working with children and families to join in and help educate, motivate and communicate positive oral health messages and improve the quality of smiles all around the world.

To help you get involved a free e-learning programme about children's oral health advice is available [here](#). It is aimed at parents, expectant mothers and early year's practitioners. Please promote this to families you work with.



The Benefits of Continuous Professional Development (CPD)



Acquiring new skills and developing yourself professionally can improve the quality of Early Year's provision, as well as, leading to a more fulfilling career.

CPD is important for enhancing practice, acquiring new skills and keeping up to date with requirements and approaches.

The 2019-20 Early Years training programme is designed to support all Practitioners access good quality CPD at affordable prices.

This year we have made accessing training even more flexible. You can '**Pay As You Go**' if you only need to attend a few courses. Alternatively, you can join the TSub Scheme and buy a training package which offers savings on the 'Pay As You Go' prices. This enables you to choose the package you need, based on the amount of training you require and how much you wish to spend.

The packages available are:

- Gold - £550 (60 tokens)**
- Silver - £350 (30 tokens)**
- Bronze - £160 (13 tokens)**

You can make this even more affordable by sharing a package with another Early Years Setting.

If you join the TSub scheme you can also purchase '**whole setting training**'. Courses on offer are Makaton Taster Training and Refresher Child Protection Training for only £150.

Further information about the West Sussex Early Years offer is available at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/eytraining

SENCO/INCO Networks

These Networks are for Inclusion/Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinators (INCOs/SENCOs) in Early Years Settings.

Attending these sessions will provide you with updates, information, and guidance to support INCO's and SENCO's in their role.

The session will focus on enabling you to identify and support the needs of vulnerable children and children with SEND.

The session will also provide you with opportunities to meet with other INCOs/SENCOs to discuss practice and share ideas.

These Networks are free to attend and are facilitated by your local WSCC Early Years Advisor.

You can book onto these sessions via the [Learning and Development Gateway](#).

June Training Courses

Our courses in June are starting to fill up fast.

All June Early Years courses and links taking you directly to the booking link are on the next page.



Early Years Training Courses in June

Heuristic and Loose Parts Play –
Monday 3 June – 7pm – 9pm at the
Charis Centre, **Crawley**

Paediatric First Aid (12 hours) –
Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 June – 9:30am
– 4:30pm at The Hilton Avisford Hotel,
Near **Arundel**

Early Years Pupil Premium – Tuesday
4 June – 1:30pm – 4pm at Boundstone
Children and Family Centre, **Lancing**

**Safeguarding and Child Protection
for the Designated Person** – Friday 7
June 9:30am – 12:30pm at Eades
House, **Chichester**

**Safeguarding and Child Protection
for Early Years and Childcare
Practitioners** – Monday 10 June –
9:30am – 3:30pm at The Park Centre,
Burgess Hill

Makaton Foundation – Wednesday 12
and Thursday 13 June – 9:30am –
4:30pm at Broadfield Youth and
Community Centre, **Crawley**

**Communication Friendly Early Years
Settings** – Wednesday 12 June –
9:30am – 12:30pm at The Kings Church,
Burgess Hill

**Working with Vulnerable Families in
Early Years** – Tuesday 18 June –
9:30am – 4pm at County Hall North,
Horsham

Best for Babies – Wednesday 19 June –
9:30am – 4pm at County Hall North,
Horsham

Communication Friendly Settings –
Wednesday 19 June – 6pm – 9pm at
Billingshurst Conference and
Community Centre

Promoting Positive Behaviour –
Wednesday 19 June – 9:30am – 4:30pm
at The Charis Centre, **Crawley**

Schema Play – Monday 24 June – 7pm
– 9:30pm at Southwick Community
Centre, **Southwick**

**Again, Again! Exploring Schematic
Behaviour** – Wednesday 26 June –
9:30pm – 4:30pm at Broadfield
Community Centre, **Crawley**

**Practical Steps Positive Outcomes –
Understanding Inclusive Practice** –
Wednesday 26 June – 9am – 4pm at The
Regis Centre, **Bognor Regis**

**Safeguarding and Child Protection
for Early Years and Childcare
Practitioners** – Thursday 27 June –
9:30am – 3:30pm at County Hall North,
Horsham

**Safeguarding and Child Protection in
Early Years Refresher** – Friday 28 June
– 9:30am – 12:30pm at County Hall,
Chichester

