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I'd like to put forward myself for the school forum representative in Early Years. I'm the Manager/SENCo at Windmill Day Nursery in East Grinstead. I'm incredibly passionate about the early years, particularly inclusion and ensuring every child has the right to the best start. I've been in my setting for over 11 years, working with a huge number of families and facing many barriers and challenges.

The sector is probably at its peak of challenge, yet the job still provides so many of us with reward and impact – which I hope to get from this role. I lead instead of manage, and would transfer some of those skills to this role; listening, advocating, problem solving, and most importantly putting the children at the forefront of opinions and decisions. As well as fighting for the early years, I appreciate the difficulties that are beyond us as settings and managers, therefore able to view problems through a variety of lenses.