



Newsletter - July 2024

Welcome to our latest update on forthcoming activities and events. We know that in early years we are always thinking of the future and planning what to do next, so we are including some of the webinars and events that we are presenting in the Autumn term

Webinars

All our online webinars are provided free to everyone working in the early years sector in Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, the Isle of Wight, Medway, Surrey, Brighton and Hove.

Brilliant Babies to Terrific Toddlers virtual webinar series.

Following on from our previous sessions, this is the last of our live webinars.

Environment

This 45 minute webinar looks at how we can make our environment 'emotionally enabling' and what this means to children. Please book your place on this webinar to be held on:

28 August at 7pm

A recorded webinar will be available as part of this series, focusing on Heuristic play, schemas and treasure baskets. If you would like to watch this webinar, please email us on keysph@theeducationpeople.org. If you are new to working with under two-year-olds and do not yet have a copy of 'Brilliant Babies to Terrific Toddlers – A Toolkit for Reflection', please contact us.

‘What’s in the store’ webinar

If you would like to find out more about evidence informed practice and what research has shown has the biggest impact on young children’s learning, then join us for this bitesize webinar exploring The Evidence Store produced by Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). Please book your place on this webinar to be held on:

[19 September at 7pm](#)

‘A child’s perspective – exploring learning through the lens of a child’.

Please join Stella Nalini to unpick and discuss children’s learning in the last two of four virtual webinars. Each webinar is different, and you do not need to attend all of them, please be aware that they will not be recorded. Please book your place on a webinar to be held on:

[10 September at 4pm](#)

[12 September at 7pm.](#)

SENCO virtual Network meeting

If you are a SENCO and would like to talk to other SENCOs about this important role, please book your place on this session:

[17 September at 7pm](#)

Wellbeing virtual webinar

During this webinar Nicky will discuss what we mean by wellbeing and what does it look like? We all have different levels of wellbeing depending on the type of person we are and our personal circumstances. She will look at what you can put into place to support the wellbeing of your staff team. Please book your place to be held on:

[1 October 2024 at 7pm](#)

Autism Education Trust (AET)

AET are delivering two face to face sessions on supporting children with Autism. These will be held on 7 and 14 August at Discovery Day Nursery (Meadow Family Hub, Park Wood, Maidstone Kent ME15 9JR) from 10am to 3.30pm. Please be aware that spaces are limited. If you would like to book a free place use one of the links below:

[7 August 2024 from 10am-3.30pm](#)

14 August 2024 from 10am - 3.30pm

How to improve Outdoor Learning in your own settings

A series of four bitesize virtual webinars giving you lots of different ideas and suggestions to improve your own practice. These are delivered by our hub partner Gem who has recently completed the Natural Thinkers Accreditation.

Each session will have different ideas and activities and will build on good evidence-based practice and the discussions shared. You may find it useful to attend all four sessions, but you can just attend once or as often as you wish.

Book your place on these webinars held on:

11 September at 7pm

24 September at 7pm

8 October at 7pm

21 October at 7pm

Natural Thinkers programme

We have been informed that there is another opportunity for 20 more settings to take part in this FREE face to face training, the aim is to support in connecting children to nature.

Wednesday 18 September is provisionally booked, venue is near Faversham, Kent. If you are interested to reserve a place, please email us on KEYSPH@theeducationpeople.org and we will pass your details onto the organisers.

NELI-Preschool

If you work in an early years PVI setting or maintained nursery you may be eligible to access the NELI-Preschool programme. This research, targeted intervention programme is supported by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and begins in September 2024. If you are interested, please check you are eligible for this programme; strict criteria are set for participation which includes:

14 or more children who attend nursery for 15+ hours. If you would like to find out more or have a question, please email The Hub at KEYSPH@theeducationpeople.org

Information for NELI-Preschool within the brochure and also for expression of interest forms:

[Expression of Interest/OxED & Assessment UK](#)

More news!

Department for Education COVID-19 Recovery Programmes

[Early Years Professional Development Programme - Phase 3 \(PDP3\)](#)

[Early Years Online Child Development Training](#)

National Professional Qualification Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL). This is a qualification for leaders in early years, there has been a change in DfE funding, some disadvantaged settings may be eligible for a scholarship, please apply by 28 July via **[\(NPQEYL\)](#)**.

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If you have questions on the work of KEYSPH, or you would like to become involved or receive some support then please email us **KEYSPH@theeducationpeople.org**.

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