



**Northamptonshire County Council  
Early Years Bulletin  
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Welcome to the Early Years Bulletin.

All information should be accessible through direct links, ensuring easy access and up to date information. Please circulate this EY Bulletin to staff members so that all EY providers are aware of new updates and key information both locally and nationally.

Please don't forget to access the Northamptonshire EY Website for information on funding, the early years foundation stage (EYFS) and teaching resources and training.

[Early years and childcare](#)

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**Northamptonshire  
County Council**

## Weekly News, Alerts and Updates for all EY Providers

### Childcare Vacancies

If you are a childcare provider within Northamptonshire you will now be able to tell us about any childcare vacancies you have and we will advertise them for you on the NCC Early years and childcare page. You can use the e-form found on the [NCC childcare provider page](#) to post your adverts. There is a £80 charge per advert and this can be paid via credit or debit card using the e-form.

The NCC Early years and childcare webpage generates over 180,000 hits per year. So your advert will be seen by people from across Northamptonshire.

Job bulletins will be published every Monday. The deadline for submitting vacancies to us is every Friday at 17:00 PM. Any adverts placed after this time will be published the following week. Your job vacancy will be viewable on our website for two weeks.

Please email the web team if you require more information. [webteam@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:webteam@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

### Inclusion

#### Local Offer - New look web page for Early Years

The web team has set us up with a new page so that we can filter the Early Years information to make it easier for users to find the information that they are looking for.

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/local-offer/early-years/Pages/default.aspx>

#### Are you a member of the Northamptonshire Inclusion and Mentoring Partnership (NIMP)?

Membership is £10 to allow two people from your setting to come along to any of our meetings and events, to gain skills from qualified trainers, network between other SENCO's in your area. You will also have access to the skilled and qualified SENCO's in the NIMP who can offer advice and support all year round. Please contact [info@nimp.org.uk](mailto:info@nimp.org.uk) or visit our website [www.nimp.org.uk](http://www.nimp.org.uk) for more information and a membership form.

#### Cluster meetings/training will be on offer in all areas of the county during February and March.

Go to the Website or e-mail [info@nimp.org.uk](mailto:info@nimp.org.uk) to join and find out more.

#### NIMP Cluster Leaders:

**Kettering and Corby:** Gemma Tyler - [ketteringnimp@hotmail.com](mailto:ketteringnimp@hotmail.com)

**Northampton:** Barbara Jones - [barbara@littlefishesorg.uk](mailto:barbara@littlefishesorg.uk)

**Daventry:** Bernie Cliffe - [berniecliffe@googlemail.com](mailto:berniecliffe@googlemail.com)

**Higham and Rushden:** Sue and Jo - [mail@littlesteps-nursery.co.uk](mailto:mail@littlesteps-nursery.co.uk)

**Creaton:** Rhonda Rowlett - [ducklings\\_creaton@aol.com](mailto:ducklings_creaton@aol.com)

A new **Wellingborough** cluster group will be started for February 2017 – details will shortly be available

We are looking for a setting SENCo who would be willing to coordinate a cluster meeting in the **Oundle/Thrapston** area.

### Current Training Opportunities

#### Developing and Enhancing Early Language (DEEL)

This 2 hour training session is for Communication Champions who have attended the Day 1 Introductory DEEL training. The session is a repeat of the session previously delivered in May 2016 and will promote the key messages from Read On Get On (ROGO), the gifting of the Bookstart Envelopes and also provide information about the LRE/Early Years boxes and the service level agreement for short term loans.

Please note only one communication champion per setting may attend.

**Bookings can be made through the NCC website and must be made in advance.**

**(Participants must choose 1 session only - am or pm )**

Course code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Link to Website
EYWFD24a	DEEL – Read On Get On	10.00am - 12.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	Learning Resources for Education, Booth Meadow House, Museum Way, Riverside Park, Northampton NN3 9HW	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>
EYWFD24b	DEEL – Read On Get On	13.00pm - 15.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017		

#### NQT's Meeting

This network meeting is for Reception teachers who are NQTs or who are experienced teachers new to the EYFS. The aim of the session is to enable practitioners to be fully aware of the statutory assessment requirements in relation to the EYFS Profile. There will also be the opportunity to discuss how to use observations and assessment data effectively in order to maximise children's progress.

**Bookings can be made through the NCC website and must be made in advance.**

Course code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Link to Website
EYWFD26	Network Meetings for NQT's	16.00pm- 17.30pm	09 February 2017	Bridgewater Primary School Bridgewater Drive	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>

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## Getting ready for the 30 hours entitlement

The extended offer for funded childcare is designed to support working parents and may mean that families will be looking for additional hours at different times of day. Can you afford to be left behind, offering a service that does not meet working parents' needs?

This training event will help you think about the practicalities of developing and extending your offer to meet changing demands.

### Aims

This workshop will provide a solution focussed exploration of:

- Policy context - the changing shape of supply in the early years sector
- The local market, explore how providers currently deliver early education and how parents currently access their entitlement
- The options for and practicalities of different delivery models
- A potential model/models of delivery which will work for providers with an emphasis on collaborative models
- Practical considerations and day to day organisation
- Action planning - the next steps providers need to take

### Dates and times

This workshop will be delivered twice on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Morning session – 9.30am to 12.30pm (this session is now full)

Afternoon session 2.30pm- 5.30pm (a few places remaining)

### Venue

Workshops will be run at:

Northamptonshire County Council  
County Hall  
Room 15  
Northampton  
NN1 1ED

### Bookings

For bookings, please follow the link to Eventbrite to book your place. The cost will be £36

To book on the afternoon session please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-ready-for-the-30-hours-entitlement-afternoon-session-tickets-29785352792>

## Workshop for Childcare Providers

We are running two events which are aimed at any organisations (including schools) or childminders who access funding from the 2 and 3 & 4 Year old free entitlement schemes in Northamptonshire. The Spring Term events will cover the following.

- Funding rates for 2017-18
- Update on progress of the 30 Hours Scheme for Northamptonshire – This will include any information on funding (if available), Sufficiency requirements, and Opportunities to Engage

As usual following the main session there will be an opportunity to raise individual queries with members of the Funding, Quality and SEND teams.

To book your place, please complete your details on the online system below:

John Dryden House, Northampton Event 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 4pm-6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-years-workshop-event-1-spring-2017-northampton-tickets-30324999891>

John Dryden House, Northampton Event 2 - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 6.30pm-8.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-years-workshop-event-2-spring-2017-northampton-tickets-30325652844>

Grafton Court, Kettering Event 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 4pm-6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-years-workshop-event-1-spring-2017-kettering-tickets-30326080122>

Hemmingwell Community & Skills Centre, Wellingborough Event 2–23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 6.30pm-8.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-years-workshop-event-2-spring-2017-wellingborough-tickets-30326716024>

## Inclusion Training

### Person centred Practice Training

This training aims to:

- Ensure the child/young person is kept at the centre of the planning process by creating a clear, accessible & common language between all involved.
- Give participants a clear understanding around what is truly important to the child/young person and what good support looks like for them.
- Encourage services and families to be aspirational and co create priorities for change, working towards outcomes that matter to the child and their family to enable them to have good life chances.
- Ensure that people are supported to be creative about how they write and meet the outcomes, breaking out of traditional responses to need.
- Be equipped with a robust person centred process to monitor and review outcomes and keep EHC plans updated and used.

#### To book online visit:

<http://www.lgss.co.uk/Services/traininganddevelopment/Pages/trainingcourses.aspx>

Click on Children's Social Care to find the courses:

Course Name and Number	Venue	Date and Time
Person Centred Practice Training – Education Health and Care PCP05N/16	Knuston Hall NN29 7EU	17th January 2016 9:30am 4:30pm
Person Centred Practice Training	Knuston Hall NN29 7EU	13th March 2016 9:30am – 4:30pm

## Earl Years Improvement Team Training

The following Training courses are now available and open for booking. Please note that there will be a charge for attendance on the majority of these, which contributes to costs incurred in delivery.

The NSCB recommend all designated safeguarding leads attend the NSCB Working together course. Details on the NSCB website

### Introductory training - (9.30-3.30)

This course is only for early year's practitioners without qualifications and who are new into the workforce working in the private, voluntary and independent sector.

**Safeguarding courses are now available and open for booking. Please note attendance charges.**

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD20	Introductory safeguarding	9..30-15.30	24/1/17	Wellingborough museum	£70	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>

**Safeguarding refresher training in house** - for up to 20 learners, the early years team may be able to support settings by delivering refresher training to suit you, for details and price contact:

[eycc@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:eycc@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

### BOOKINGS ARE OPEN:

Please complete the details below and e-mail to: [earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk)  
You will receive confirmation of your booking. Please see our revised [terms and conditions](#)

Course Code	
Course Venue	
Course Date	
Setting Name	
Setting Address	
Setting e-mail and telephone no.	
Name of Delegate	
Training ID Number	
Any additional relevant information	

## Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board

The number of early year's settings and practitioners taking advantage of the NSCB E-Learning offer has been really encouraging and remember the NSCB provides its online safeguarding training courses free to all agencies and practitioners working in Northamptonshire.

If you haven't yet accessed or seen our online courses below are some links and documents to help you get started with the NSCB online learning.

[NSCB E-Learning Catalogue](#)

[NSCB Guide to Getting Started with E-Learning](#)

[Log in and Sign up to E-Learning](#)

\*Please note this a different system with different courses available to your LGSS/L&D log in. If you have any issues please contact the Business Office on 01604 364036.

View [here](#) to read the latest Bulletin from NSCB.



## Northampton Nursery School Partnership (NNSP)

Contact: [kim.carne@nnspp.co.uk](mailto:kim.carne@nnspp.co.uk)

Our current Timetable is on the website and our new Learning and Development Guide (PDF) can be found by clicking link here: [Timetable-Sep16-Feb17.pdf](#), or to request a printed copy please email, [kim.carne@nnspp.co.uk](mailto:kim.carne@nnspp.co.uk)

The NNSP provides a programme of bespoke learning and development opportunities and support for the Professional Development of all Early Years Practitioners working across the EYFS in nursery schools, primary schools, preschools, after school clubs, child-minders, Children centres and day nurseries spanning across the county.

NCC EY Vouchers extended... Settings that have attended NCC training on DEEL, EAL or Let them be two will have been issued with a *virtual* voucher to spend on NNSP training sessions, these were valid until July 2016, HOWEVER...The nnspp are extending the voucher 'spend' period across this coming term (October 2016-February 2017), this is the FINAL opportunity to access this FREE training. To find out if your setting has a voucher, email [booking@nnspp.co.uk](mailto:booking@nnspp.co.uk)

We have the following sessions on offer for January. CPD and Day in the Life (ADIL) sessions £60pp, Focused sessions £30pp

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 6:00pm – 8:00pm Led by *Parklands NS @ Nicholas Hawksmoor***  
**See it, saw it, plan it do it. Observation, Assessment and Planning following a child's agenda.**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1:00pm – 3:00pm *Gloucester Nursery School***  
**SEND: *Altogether now: Inclusive practice and provision for supporting children with SEND in your setting: Practice in Action.***

Explore the approach to the inclusion of children with additional needs,

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 5:00pm – 7:00pm Croyland Nursery School**

**SEND: Provision Mapping**

Explore the benefits of provision mapping, observe examples and consider the creation of a provision map for your own settings.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 1.00-3.00pm. Wallace Road Nursery School**

**I'm trying to tell you something! What is the communication behind the behaviour? (DEEL)**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1.15 – 3.15pm Pen Green Nursery School**

**What did we see? What shall we do? Observation and Planning following a child's agenda.**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1.30 – 3.30pm Ronald Tree Nursery School**

**The writing's on the Wall: The EYFS environment; Writing and Early Literacy (DEEL)**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 9:00am – 11:00am Croyland Nursery School**

**It's all about Me! Nurturing children's wellbeing.**

To book places please visit the website [www.nnsp.co.uk](http://www.nnsp.co.uk) or email [booking@nnsp.co.uk](mailto:booking@nnsp.co.uk)

## **Committee Training**

### **Training Courses for existing or prospective members of a Childcare Setting Management Committee**

Following on from the five successful courses that have been delivered since last April, Northamptonshire County Council plans to offer a further one day training course designed to cover all that an existing or potential committee member needs to know in order to manage a childcare setting effectively.

The one day course will cover:

- The Roles and Responsibilities of Committees and their members
- Legal requirements
- Employment issues
- Making a success of the Annual General Meeting
- Being successful: getting the main things right
- Safeguarding

This further course has been arranged for Saturday, 4 February at the Holiday Inn Express, near junction 15 of the M1, just south of Northampton. The timing for this training will be 9.30am until approximately 1pm.

If you would like to attend this course which is free of charge then please email me at the address below stating your name, job role and setting together with a contact telephone number. Please book early as places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Thank you. If there are any queries please do get in touch.

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# The University of Northampton

## Interested in studying early years?

Do you work in an Early Years setting? Are you committed to helping babies and young children flourish and learn?

We have a range of academic and professional courses starting in September 2017 which might suit you.

If you'd like to find out more please visit: <http://www.northampton.ac.uk/early-years-teacher-status/> or [register for one of our Information Events](#).

## [Foundation Degree in Early Years](#)

### **Brief Overview**

This is a part time course with attendance one day a week. Participants must be in employment in an early years setting for at least two days a week and have at least a year's experience of work in early years contexts. They will have appropriate levels of numeracy and literacy to support children and have an NVQ level 3 in early years or related subject or equivalent qualification. The course is funded by the student or their sponsor.

### **Benefits of the Foundation Degree in Early Years**

The Foundation Degree in Early Years recognises participants' knowledge and experience as a practitioner working with young children and babies aged 0-5. It can also be the first step towards gaining a BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies and subsequent progression to Early Years Teacher Status (0-5), Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or an MA in Social Work

## [Top up Degree in Early Childhood Studies](#)

### **Brief Overview**

This course can be undertaken on a full or part time basis. The BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies Top Up programme is designed to allow progression from a Foundation Degree or HND to an honours degree. The programme is ideal for work based learners. Participants must already hold a suitable relevant level 5 qualification and have appropriate levels of numeracy and literacy to support children. The course is funded by the student or their sponsor.

### **Benefits of the Top up Degree in Early Childhood Studies**

The course provides a broad-based academic and inter-disciplinary professional foundation for a variety of careers working with children. The course aims to meet the needs of those students who wish to build on previous study, either full or part time. The course is taught by a highly experienced multi-professional team with expertise in the fields of education, health and social care. There are opportunities to undertake a placement and field work in educational, health and social care settings, to enable strong links between academic study and professional experience. The course can help prepare students to progress towards the achievement of relevant professional standards and roles, for example in relation to Early Years Teacher Status or as preparation for further training in teaching with QTS or social work.

## [Early Years Teacher Status](#)

### **Graduate Employment Based route**

#### **Brief Overview**

Course fees for tuition and assessment are covered by government funding. In addition, there is £7000 available to the trainee's employer to help them support the trainee in completing their course.

This is a post graduate part-time route for experienced graduate level Early Years practitioners who are currently in paid employment in an Early Years setting, but require training and further experience to demonstrate the Teachers' Standards (Early Years).

#### **Benefits of Early Years Teacher Status**

- Gain a graduate level professional accreditation as a teacher endorsed by the Government for practitioners in the Early Years sector
- Become a specialist in early childhood development trained to work with babies and young children from birth to five
- Lead, inspire and organise high quality practice in early years settings

### **Contacting NCC Early Years Teams**

The e-mail addresses below will take you directly to the teams identified, so if you have a specific request e.g. training or a Funding enquiry, if you use the e-mail identified, you will connect straight to that team.

#### **Early Years Improvement Team**

[earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

#### **Early Years Workforce Development Team (for enquiries about training and qualifications)**

[EarlyYearsWorkForce@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:EarlyYearsWorkForce@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

#### **Free Entitlement and Funded Early Learning (for all funding questions, Headcount questions)**

[earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

### **Other Key Contacts**

#### **Northamptonshire Childminding Association**

Contact: General enquiry line 0845 838 3724

Website: [www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk](http://www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk)

Email: [info@childmindingnorthants.org.uk](mailto:info@childmindingnorthants.org.uk)

#### **Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB)**

Visit the website below for information on significant policy changes, serious case review learning, leaflets and face to face training courses.

[www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk](http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk)

(EY Improvement Team Safeguarding Lead: Carolyn Lewis-Hall)

**If you have any issues opening a link in this bulletin, this EY Bulletin is also on the website.**