



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

### 30 hours survey for EY Providers and Parents

Links to the 2 Surveys, will be sent to EY Providers **as soon as possible** so as to gather further views about the delivery of the 30 Hours Entitlement. They should only take approximately 5 minutes to complete. The results will help us to ensure a comprehensive offer that is tailored to meet the need of families across Northamptonshire.

## Current Training Opportunities

### Getting ready for the 30 hours entitlement – further training sessions

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 on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 9.30a.m. – 12.30

#### Venue

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Patrick Road

Corby

NN18 9NT

#### Bookings

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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-ready-for-the-30-hours-entitlement-please-note-this-is-a-repeat-of-the-over-subscribed-tickets-32050124786>

**Please note that this is a repeat of the training delivered in January by Hemsalls, so please do not book a place if someone from your setting has already attended.**

### Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Training and Agreement Trialling 2017 (for Reception Teachers)

**Course Description Objectives:**

- To make consistent and accurate judgements against the 17 Early Learning Goals
- To use data effectively
- To be familiar with the assessment and reporting arrangements for 2017
- To be aware of moderation visit process for the EYFS Profile 2017

**Pre-course information:**

Please bring:

- EYFS Profile handbook 2017
- ARA 2017
- Exemplification materials handbook
- Evidence for 3 children representing the range of attainment in your class for Communication and Language and for Mathematics

**Bookings can be made through the NCC website and must be made in advance. Participants to attend one session only**

Course code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Link to Website
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EYWFD25e	EYFSP Training and Agreement Trialling 2017 (for Reception Teachers)	1.15-4.30pm	6th March 2017	Daventry District Council	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>
EYWFD25i	EYFSP Training and Agreement Trialling 2017 (for Reception Teachers)	1.15-4.30pm	7th March 2017	Hopping Hill Primary (Studio)	
EYWFD25j	EYFSP Training and Agreement Trialling 2017 (for Reception Teachers)	1.30-4.30pm	7th March 2017	Hayfield Cross CE Primary	
EYWFD25k	EYFSP Training and Agreement Trialling 2017 (for Reception Teachers)	1.15-4.30pm	8th March 2017	Hopping Hill Primary (Studio)	
EYWFD25l	EYFSP Training and Agreement Trialling 2017 (for Reception Teachers)	1.30-4.30pm	8th March 2017	Hayfield Cross CE Primary	
EYWFD25m	EYFSP Training and Agreement Trialling 2017 (for Reception Teachers)	1.15-4.30pm	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Hopping Hill Primary (Studio)	
EYWFD25n	EYFSP Training and Agreement Trialling 2017 (for Reception Teachers)	1.30-4.30pm	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Hayfield Cross CE Primary	

## Early Years Inclusion Network Meeting

The Early Years Inclusion Network meetings are for SENCOs and/or Inclusion Co-ordinators within PVI settings. This is an opportunity for updates regarding new initiatives and the national agenda with regards to inclusion and SEND. It will also be a forum for colleagues from settings in the local area to network, to discuss best practice and support each other.

### The agenda for the March meetings:

### Course Objectives:

- To discuss the current national agenda with regard to SEND and Inclusion.
- To share good practice and networks with colleagues from other settings within the local area.

Workshop - supporting the key person with small step targets.

Networking time

Updates:

- 30 hours and the disability access fund and SEN Inclusion fund
- Specialist support Service update
- Education Psychology support for Children that are Looked After
- 20:20 vision
- Early Help
- AOB

**Please Note** there is one fully subsidised place per setting for either the Inclusion Manager or SENCo. Requests for one additional place can be purchased for £50.00. Settings need to pay for an additional place if they choose to attend two different network meetings.

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

Course code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Link to Website
EYWFD27a	Early Years Inclusion Network Meeting	13.15pm-15.15pm	14th March 2017	The Saints Rugby Club Franklins Gardens Weedon Road Northampton NN5 5BG	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>
EYWFD27b	Early Years Inclusion Network Meeting	13.15pm-15.15pm	16th March 2017	Towcester RFC Greens Norton Road Towcester NN12 8AW	
EYWFD27c	Early Years Inclusion Network Meeting	13.15pm-15.15pm	21st March 2017	Holiday Inn Express Rockingham Road Kettering NN14 1UD	
EYWFD27d	Early Years Inclusion Network Meeting	13.15pm-15.15pm	23rd March 2017	Wellingborough Museum 12 Castle Way Wellingborough NN8 1XB	

## Northamptonshire Inclusion and Mentoring Partnership (NIMP)

**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 [www.nimp.org.uk](http://www.nimp.org.uk) to join and find out more.

**NIMP Cluster Meetings:** The following cluster meetings have been organised.

Date	Subject	Area	Contact to book:
7/03/2017 6:30 – 8 pm	Trainer – Abigail Jones. What is Autism? What you need to know in order to help children with Autism to maximise their potential.	All Northampton Venue: Headlands Primary School, Northampton	barbara@littlefishes.org.uk
13/03/2017 6:30 -8:30 pm	Trainer – Ellie Collar. Developing the skills for early writing.	Wellingborough.  Venue: Everyday Champions Church, Havelock Street, Wellingborough. NN8 4QA	<a href="mailto:zoe@littlechampsnursery.org">zoe@littlechampsnursery.org</a> Telephone: 01933 225543.
24/04/2017 7-9pm	Early writing	Ducklings Pre-School, Creaton, NN6 8NH	Rhonda Rowlett – <a href="mailto:ducklings_creaton@aol.com">ducklings_creaton@aol.com</a>

We would be interested in speaking to a setting SENCO/Manager who would be willing to coordinate a cluster meeting in the **Oundle/Thrapston** or in the **Brackley** area. Contact [lbrooks@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:lbrooks@northamptonshire.gov.uk) for further details.

## 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 PCP04N/16	Knuston Hall NN29 7EU	13th March 2016 9:30am – 4:30pm

## Safeguarding - Early Years Improvement Team Training

**Refresher, Designated lead, Safer recruitment, Introductory safeguarding training.**

**New dates soon to be released, for details please refer to the website**

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

**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)

## 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@nnsps.co.uk](mailto:kim.carne@nnsps.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.

### **NNSP Annual Early Years Conference 2017. Sponne School, Towcester**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017. 6.00pm – 8.30pm, Market Place 5.00pm – 8.00pm**

**SEND: The Voice of the Child and Their Family;**

**Providing Positive Experiences for Children with SEND and their Families** <http://nnsps.co.uk/>

The conference will inspire and support practitioners to develop the most inclusive environments for all children; promoting positive outcomes, developing parental engagement, whilst understanding the legal requirements and implications set out in the Code of Practice (2014).

Parents of children with SEN will share their experiences. Nursery Head teachers will also share their 'Top Ten' ideas/resources/strategies to support children with complex needs.

This conference will explore:

- effective ways of working in partnership with parents of children with SEN – the voice of the parents/carers
- involving children with SEN in their learning and development – the voice of the child
- reflecting on your setting's inclusive practice and provision

There will also be an opportunity to explore our market place, find out about local organisations linked to SEND and the EYFS and look at and purchase the latest sensory and educational resources.

The evening requires pre booking; costs are **£30 per person or £50 for 3 people attending from the same setting**. Refreshments provided.

## **University of Northampton - Nurturing Empathy in Future Generations**

We are delighted to invite you to our Annual Children and Young People's Lecture on Wednesday 22 March 2017. The guest speaker will be Mary Gordon, founder of Roots of Empathy.

Mary Gordon is a Global Ashoka fellow, recognizing her as a member of an international circle of social entrepreneurs who have the creativity that enables them to envision new and better ways to address persistent social problems and the entrepreneurial skill and determination required to bring their ideas to fruition. In 2011, Ms Gordon was named an Ashoka Globalizer, joining a select group of Ashoka Fellows supported in extending their message and impact to the global level. Her book, *Roots of Empathy: Changing the World Child by Child*, is a Canadian bestseller.

For further information visit the [website](#).

5.30pm for refreshments,

Lecture will commence at 6.30pm



Location: The University of Northampton – Park Campus

[Click here to register](#)

## Northamptonshire Childminding Association (NCA)

Northamptonshire Childminding Association (NCA) promotes and supports prospective and registered childminders in Northamptonshire.

Part of the support offered is the availability of **resources and online training**. These resources are produced by the NCA staff team and most are useful to all early years settings.

### Upcoming Training Dates:

#### Supporting Children Through Loss and Bereavement

NCA is pleased to be able to offer places on our popular Premium Members evenings to non-members. These sessions are now available to childminders or other early years staff in maintained or PVI settings.

The evening sessions will be about supporting children through loss and grief. **Ellie Collar**, early year's specialist will be delivering this course.

This course will cover:

- \* The spectrum of grief and loss, the minor as well as the major experiences that can affect young children's wellbeing and needs
- \* How young children process grief and stress compared to adults, how it can impact on their needs and behaviour in the immediate period, the short term afterwards, and the long term
- \* Practical ways you can support a child during an immediate event and afterwards
- \* Strategies and ideas to support the family, such as if they would like your help in deciding whether their child should attend a funeral
- \* Taking care of yourself as a professional when supporting a child and family through a difficult time
- \* Awareness of some of the issues and practicalities you may need to consider if a child who is currently in your care or has previously been in your care is part of a critical incident.

#### Supporting Children Through Loss and Bereavement

Day	Time	Date	Venue	Cost	Booking
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				<b>per place</b>	
Wednesday	7-9pm	8th March	Sunley Conference Centre, Boughton Green Road, Northampton, NN2 7AL	£10	<a href="http://www.childmindinguk.com/">http://www.childmindinguk.com/</a>
<b>Refreshments:</b> 1 serving of tea/coffee available on arrival					

### Safeguarding Children Training

This course has been written specifically to meet the needs of Northamptonshire early years practitioners and covers everything you need to know from identifying suspected abuse to recording and reporting concerns - including an introduction to the Prevent Duty. Elaine Pitteway and Tina Maltman will be delivering this course.

The Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) has assessed the course content, course materials and the qualifications and experience of the trainers and we are delighted to be the first organisation in the county to have received NSCB course approval.

Recommendation from NSCB is that all practitioners update their safeguarding training every 2 years. The Inspecting Safeguarding in Early Years, Education and Skills Settings document states that knowledge should be updated annually.

100% of learners who have attended this course in the last 2 years have said they would recommend it.

<b>Safeguarding Children</b>					
<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Cost per place</b>	<b>Booking</b>
Saturday	9.30am -1pm	18th March	Holiday Inn Express, Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN14 1UD	£30	<a href="http://www.childmindinguk.com/">http://www.childmindinguk.com/</a>
<b>Refreshments:</b> 1 serving of tea/coffee/hot chocolate available on arrival with opportunity to purchase further drinks if required					

### 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)

#### **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)

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