



**Northamptonshire County Council
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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

This is the last EY Bulletin for the Spring Term 2017 – it only seems 5 minutes since the first one in September! The next EY Bulletin will be sent on Friday 21st April.

We wish you all a well-deserved break over the holiday period and thank you for all of your work with our youngest children in Northamptonshire.

We are sorry today that we have to say a 'goodbye' to Jane Rowe, Gill Whall, Pauline O'Neill and Jackie Ellis, but thank them for their dedication to their key roles in the EY Team and for their work over many years. They would like to say...

...a BIG Thank you and Goodbye!

We would like to thank all we have worked alongside over the past years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been part of the amazing work you do supporting children and their families across the county.

We have received some very kind emails and messages for which we are most grateful.

Good luck to everyone with all that lies ahead. We will be with you in spirit!

Kind regards

Gill, Jackie, Jane and Pauline

Inclusion - 20:20 Vision for SEND

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs or disabilities?
Do you work with children or young people with Special Educational Needs or disabilities?

Help to create the vision, agree the strategy and action plan for Northamptonshire County Council and partners from 2017. Get involved and have your say on matters affecting you.

Find out more about the events by logging on to the 2020 vision web pages which give an overview of the events so far:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/local-offer/Pages/2020-Vision.aspx>

Current Training Opportunities

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.



Qualifying SENCo/Inclusion Co-ordinator Training – Early Years

This course is for SENCo/Inclusion co-ordinators new to post. Maintained Nursery units, Nursery schools and child minders may also access this training as well as Reception teachers who wish to develop their knowledge of supporting children with SEND. It aims to enable SENCo/Inclusion co-ordinator to understand their roles and responsibilities and the statutory duties of the SENCo/Inclusion co-ordinator in an early years setting. It is an expectation that practitioners attend all sessions and will receive a certificate of attendance at the end.

It is a requirement of the course that participants have at least a **relevant level 3** qualification.

Please note attendance charge and that lunch will not be provided.

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD29	Qualifying SENCo Training-Early Years	09.30am-15.30pm 13.00pm-16.00pm	27 th and 28 th April 2017 10 July 2017	Nene Whitewater Centre Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7AA	£100	NCC Website

BOOKINGS:

Please complete the details below and e-mail to: 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	

Trauma Training – Understanding the impact of emotional trauma on young children and how best to support them in an Early Years Setting

This Training opportunity is open to maintained nursery schools, maintained nursery units, reception class teachers and childminders.

This is a repeat of the course delivered by Jane Evans who is an independent consultant and an Associate Trainer with Kate Cairns Associates. The course focuses on identifying children who are vulnerable to the effects of emotional trauma from an early age, even pre-birth. There is time built in to the day for practitioners to reflect on strategies they will implement and make changes to practice as a result of a raised awareness, through professional curiosity, of those children and families who are at risk.

You will need to park in one of our Town car parks (nearest is St Johns) and pay for a days parking, please see [map](#) for car parks in Northampton.

Please note attendance charge. A sandwich lunch will be provided. Please confirm if there are any special dietary requirements.

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD28	Trauma Training	09.30am-15.30pm	27 th June 2017	Central Northampton Tbc in next EY Bulletin	£100	NCC Website

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Key person supporting children with SEND

As highlighted at the inclusion network meetings this is a brand new course for practitioners who are supporting children with SEND on a day to day basis. It is designed to support practitioners to understand the importance of being able to break down the skills children are learning into small steps and be able to set small step targets. It is two half days with a gap task in between.

Bookings will be open after April 21st and further details will be in the EY Bulletin.

Network Meeting for NQTs and Experienced Teachers New to the EYFS

This network meeting is for NQTs and teachers new to teaching in Reception to help prepare for the Summer term EYFS profile moderation visit.

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

Course code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Link to Website
EYWFD34	Network Meetings for NQT's	16.00pm-17.30pm	11 May 2017	Bridgewater Primary School Bridgewater Drive Northampton NN3 3AF	NCC Website

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. Visit our shop to find out more <http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/>

Important News! Changes to Ofsted Inspectors ID from April.

From 1 April 2017, inspectors will no longer show their blue inspector passports for identification purposes when they arrive for an inspection.

All inspectors will have a photographic identity badge that clearly states their name, role and the Ofsted logo. This badge is the only ID inspectors will show from 1 April.

Are You A New Childminder?

...If so, we would love to hear from you!

There have been some technical issues which mean we may not have details of all childminders who have registered with Ofsted since January.

As you will remember from your introductory training, NCA are contracted to support you until your first graded Ofsted inspection which will happen around 30 months after you register.

If you have now received your registration certificate from Ofsted and we haven't yet contacted you about this support, please will you either ring us on 0845 838 3724 or email us at

info@childmindingnorthants.org.uk to let us know - Thank you.

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 or visit our website 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 info@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:
24/04/2017 7-9pm	Early writing	Ducklings Pre-School, Creaton, NN6 8NH	Rhonda Rowlett – ducklings_creaton@aol.com
17/05/2017 6:30 - 8:30 pm	Trainer – Ellie Collar. Developing the skills for early writing.	Wellingborough. Venue: Everyday Champions Church, Havelock Street, Wellingborough. NN8 4QA	zoe@littlechampsnursery.org Telephone: 01933 225543.

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 for further details.

Upcoming Events at Pen Green – Research, Development and Training Base

Early Years Degree Open Day

Saturday 1st April 10.00am-13.00pm

Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base, Rockingham Road, Corby NN17 1AG
Open Day at Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base. Tutors will be here to answer all your questions on our range of Professional Development opportunities. Come along and discuss your options and let us help you to find the right pathway for you.

Contact:

pengreenenquiries@northamptonshire.gov.uk

01536 443435

Well Being and Involvement: A seminar by: Professor Ferre Laevers

Friday 5th May 2017 1:30-3:30pm

<http://research.pengreen.org/well-being-and-involvement-ferre-laevers/>

Visitors Days – An Introduction to Pen Green:

Wednesday 12th April 2017

Wednesday 17th May 2017

One day professional development opportunity. Learn about our key concepts and pedagogical

strategies. View the nursery spaces and gardens. Engage with our practitioners and leadership tea
Contact:
01536 443435
pengreenenquiries@northamptonshire.gov.uk

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

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

EarlyYearsWorkForce@northamptonshire.gov.uk

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

earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Other Key Contacts

Northamptonshire Childminding Association

Contact: General enquiry line 0845 838 3724

Website: www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk

Email: 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

(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

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