



**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

### 20:20 Vision

#### Have Your Say about the Future of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Services in Northamptonshire

The Children & Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 years (2014) outlined ground breaking reforms for our services. The new system strengthens the requirement for children and young people with SEND (and their parents or carers) to be fully involved in decisions about their support.

Following the success of recent 20:20 events, feedback from the four events has now been analysed and grouped into themes for further discussion. Please see below the link to the survey for the second theme – Training & Curriculum

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2CBD8T9>

Any additional information from the completion of the surveys will be used to inform the SEND Strategy and Action Plan and shared to identify key priorities.

This survey will be open until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### Local Offer

Summer Sensation 2017 is going to be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

from 12.00 until 4.00 pm at Northampton College Booth Lane site.

This free event is for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities and their families.

This year there will be a repeat performance of the ever popular Canine Partners; a wheelchair obstacle course, YIP and their fun equipment, outdoor games by Mencap, NAYC and Pen Green, dancing demonstrations by Consensus and the annual production by Y-Not Arts. We have over 70 different providers/stands coming all who have promised to do something fun. We also have a family photo opportunity funded by NPFPG, massage and reiki in the relaxation area and roaming entertainers. There will also be a few workshop style speakers in one of the Lecture theatres.

Bookings can be made through [Event Brite](#), but we are happy for people to just turn up on the day and register.

This year we have been sponsored by the Community Foundation, Co-op, and Sport4Fitness CIC Teamwork Trust, Kier, Unison and Tesco's from Mereway have donated a new Acer laptop to be won at the event by a lucky someone.

For further information please contact the Local Offer:

Information and Business Support Team Manager (Local Offer)

#### **Education and Health Care Team**

Children, Families & Education

Northamptonshire County Council (PO Box 216)

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[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Localoffer](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Localoffer)

## Current Training Opportunities

### Safeguarding Training for 2017 / 18

The NSCB's calendar of face to face training for 2017 /18 is now available for you to book your places.

All NSCB training opportunities both face to face and E-learning are available free of charge to all practitioners, staff and volunteers working with children in Northamptonshire.

This year, the NSCB will be using the same system to administer the bookings for both face to face training courses and E-learning, so for those who have taken an E-learning course in the last 3 years this process will be very familiar already.

You will find [details](#) of both face to face and E-learning offers for 2017 / 18 together with helpful tips and guides to access the system and instructions on how to book courses.

### Role of the Key Person in supporting children with SEND – Early Years

This is a new course, designed to support the key person who has the day to day responsibility for working with children who may have an emerging special educational need.

This training aims to support practitioners to:

- understand their role and responsibility as a key person in supporting the early identification of a child with SEND
- understand developmental processes in order to be able to identify small step targets for children with SEND
- explore the processes and procedures for gaining further support for the child and /or yourself as the professional
- consider how to approach challenging conversations with parents.

There is an expectation that participants will complete a gap task which will involve documenting the identification of a child with a special educational need and setting small step targets, reviewing and evaluating the impact of the planned activities. Participants will share paperwork and feedback at the second session.

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD33	Role of the Key Person supporting children with SEND-Early Years	13.00pm-16.00pm	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 11 July 2017	Nene Whitewater Centre Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7AA	£70	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>

### BOOKINGS:

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	

## **New to the Early Years Foundation Stage for Nursery, Reception Teachers and Teaching Assistants.**

This two day course is for teachers and teaching assistants who will be new to working in the Early Years Foundation Stage in September 2017. You will have the opportunity to become familiar with the EYFS documents, identify the different ways children learn, reflect on how adults engage children in the learning process and explore effective parental partnerships through a range of practical activities and discussions.

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD36	New to the Early Years Foundation Stage for Nursery, Reception Teachers and Teaching Assistants	09.30-15.15 09.30-15.15	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 05 July 2017	Nene Whitewater Centre Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7AA	£100	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>

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## 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 SENCOs 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 the summer term.**

Go to the Website [www.nimp.org.uk](http://www.nimp.org.uk) to find out more.

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

Date	Subject	Area	Contact to book:
25/05/2017 6.30-9.30 pm	Autism Awareness: Practical ideas to help engagement.	Daventry Flore Pre-School Northampton, Brodie Lodge, Flore NN7 4LW	<a href="mailto:daventrynimp@gmail.com">daventrynimp@gmail.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 [barbara@nimp.org.uk](mailto:barbara@nimp.org.uk) for further details.

## G is for Grow Training

The next 3 day "G is for Grow" course will be held on 12, 19 and 26 June at the Holiday Inn, Bedford Road, Northampton. This 3 day course covers most areas of running a successful childcare business including business planning, budgeting, pricing, marketing, legal issues, planning for 30 hours and much more.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis so early booking is advised in order to secure your place. The course is provided for the highly subsidised cost of £46 plus VAT which covers all 3 days of training as well as refreshments and lunch on each day.

For more details of the course or if you would like to reserve a place please select the link below and fill in the details as requested.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/g-is-for-grow-12th-19th-and-26th-june-2017-tickets-34272781813>

If there are any queries with regard to this training, please let me know as soon as possible.

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## Committee Training

Following on from the six successful courses that have been delivered since April 2016, 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, 24 June 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.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis so early booking is advised in order to secure your place. The course is provided for the highly subsidised cost of £22 plus VAT which covers the training as well as refreshments on the day.

If you would like to find out more about the course please select the link below. To reserve a place please click on the link and fill in the details as requested.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roles-and-responsibilities-of-voluntary-management-committees-tickets-34067693388>

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

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## Safeguarding Training

Face to face training is available with the EY Team. Current training includes DSL training, safeguarding refresher training, safer recruitment and introductory training. Specific dates are to follow, please see our website for new dates and costs. [Early years and childcare](#)

For information about 'in house' Safeguarding refresher training, please email [eycc@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:eycc@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## Paediatric First Aid Training at Pen Green

Pen Green are offering a Paediatric First Aid course, in response to the revised EYFS, delivered by St. Johns Ambulance. It is a one day course on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 10am-4.30pm, at a cost of £135 with refreshments and lunch.

**Contact:**

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

01536 443435

**Visit:**

Rockingham Road

Corby

NN17 1AG

### 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)

**For all questions about Free Childcare and Education for 2 Year olds and Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds...**

...Please click on the direct links below for the following information and documents.

Claiming Funding for [Free childcare and education for 2 year olds](#) and [Free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds](#), including information on:

- Eligibility
- Funding Rates
- Headcount day information
- Parental contract
- Funding information sheet
- Provider calendar

If your questions cannot be answered from the website, please contact:

[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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