



**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

### Important Funding Workshop for Childcare Providers

We are running a series of events which are aimed at all childcare providers (including schools) who access funding from the 2, 3 and 4 Year old free entitlement schemes in Northamptonshire. The Summer funding block events will cover the following:

- **The new system demonstration – the new Headcount portal and back office functions**
- **Processes for the new system and monthly claims**
- **Update on delivery of 30 Hours Scheme for Northamptonshire**

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

There will be 2 sessions for providers in Northampton/Daentry/South Northants on 27/06/17, and 2 sessions for providers in Corby/Kettering/Wellingborough/East Northants on 28/06/17.

To book, please follow the links below:

27/06/2017 Northampton / Daentry / South Northants Session 1:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-childcare-providers-tickets-35378304461>

27/06/2017 Northampton / Daentry / South Northants Session 2:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-childcare-providers-tickets-35378734748>

28/06/2017 Kettering / Corby /Wellingborough / East Northants Session 1:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-childcare-providers-tickets-35379242266>

28/06/2017 Kettering / Corby / Wellingborough / East Northants Session 2:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-childcare-providers-tickets-35379376668>

## Current Training Opportunities

### Safeguarding Training

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.

## Improvement Team Training

The following Training courses are now available and open for booking.

**Designated lead training** - (9.30-3.30) although attendance is not statutory, this course is designed to support those who are the named designated safeguarding lead in an early years setting.

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 refresher training** – (1/2day) for practitioners who have completed safeguarding training in the past.

**Please note attendance charges. An invoice will be raised for the full cost of the course. Course fees are non-returnable.**

| Course Code | Title                        | Time          | Date                     | Venue                 | Cost per place | Link to Course description  |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| EYWFD37     | Safeguarding Refresher       | 6-9pm         | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 17 | Nene White Water      | £50            | <a href="#">NCC Website</a> |
| EYWFD38     | Safeguarding Refresher       | 09.30-12.30pm | 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 17  | Wellingborough Museum | £50            | <a href="#">NCC Website</a> |
| EYWFD39     | Safeguarding Refresher       | 09.30-12.30pm | 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 17  | Nene White Water      | £50            | <a href="#">NCC Website</a> |
| EYWFD40     | Designated Safeguarding Lead | 09.30-3.30pm  | 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 17 | Wellingborough Museum | £70            | <a href="#">NCC Website</a> |
| EYWFD41     | Designated Safeguarding Lead | 09.30-3.30pm  | 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 17  | Nene White Water      | £70            | <a href="#">NCC Website</a> |
| EYWFD42     | Designated Safeguarding Lead | 09.30-3.30pm  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17   | Wellingborough Museum | £70            | <a href="#">NCC Website</a> |
| EYWFD43     | Introduction to Safeguarding | 09.30-3.30pm  | 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 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](#)

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| Name of Delegate                    |  |
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| Any additional relevant information |  |

**Safer Recruitment – Early years**

This course is for setting managers or committee chairs who are responsible for recruiting staff. It covers key features of staff recruitment that help deter or prevent the appointment of unsuitable people and policies and practices to make workplaces safer.

| Course Code | Title                           | Time        | Date         | Venue  | Cost per place | Link to Course description  |
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| EYWFD31     | Safer Recruitment – Early Years | 09.30-15.30 | 03 July 2017 | Wellingborough Museum<br>12 Castle Way<br>Wellingborough NN8 1XB | £70            | <a href="#">NCC Website</a> |

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## 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  |
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| EYWFD36     | New to the Early Years Foundation Stage for Nursery, Reception Teachers and Teaching Assistants | 09.30-15.15<br>09.30-15.15 | 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017<br>05 July 2017 | Nene Whitewater Centre<br>Bedford Road<br>Northampton<br>NN4 7AA | £100           | <a href="#">NCC Website</a> |

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## Northamptonshire Nursery Schools Partnership (NNSP)

The **Northamptonshire Early Education Partnership** offers professional development opportunities for all **Practitioners and Teachers** working across the EYFS in **Schools** and **Early Years** settings.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. 6-8pm Parklands NS@ Nicholas Hawksmoor School, Towcester**

### Leadership in Early Years. (EYFS)£60pp

This practical training session will focus on techniques used to evaluate good teaching and learning in your setting. This will include sensitive adult involvement and enabling environments; peer on peer reviews; scrutinising documentation (including learning stories and moderation judgments) and developing you ethos/principles and vision for your setting with your staff team.

The session will also explore the use of data to develop your provision and professionals and using data as part of your story of your setting. **An excellent CPD session for NQT's and HTLA's**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. 1:30-3:30. Ronald Tree Nursery School**

**Let's Go Out Into The Community! £60pp**

Taking children out into the community without a fixed agenda, just to observe and be part of the locality can be rather daunting. This practical session will look at ways Ronald Tree have been out and about in their local community. Gather ideas and practical tips to take back to your setting that will enable your children to be a feature of their community.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. 4.00-6.00. Highfield Nursery School**

**Characteristics of Learning (EYFS) £60pp**

Explore in depth the Characteristics of Effective Learning (CEL), the prime and specific areas of learning and development and the way they are all interconnected. Dissect and explore the CEL and understand how the themes and principles work together for children in the EYFS. **An excellent CPD session for NQT's and HTLA's**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. 9:15-12:00 1:15-3:00Fairfields School**

**Look what I did today! (SEND)£60pp**

A unique opportunity to explore a whole day in the life of an outstanding Special school provision, from a child and Practitioner's perspective. Spend the day shadowing a practitioner and key children across all areas of the curriculum. Observe their routines, explore in depth; planning, environments, experiences and observations and tracking. Specific areas of interest can be explored further on request.

**For further information or to book your places, please email: [booking@nns.co.uk](mailto:booking@nns.co.uk) or book via the NNSP website <http://nns.co.uk/>**

## **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.

### **Premium Members Evenings**

NCA is pleased to be able to offer places on our popular Premium Members evenings to non-members. These sessions are available to childminders or other early years staff in maintained or PVI settings for just **£10 per person**. To find out more or to book your place, please visit our shop

<http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/>

This terms Premium Member Evenings will be Natural Environment Themed and held in Country Parks. The Education team of rangers from Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre will be delivering

these sessions for you.

**Tuesday June 27th.** East Carlton Park, East Carlton, Corby, LE16 8YF. Time 7-9pm

**The theme of this session is Stick, Stick, Sticks.** Ideas of activities and resources to make that help practitioners to manage a mixed age range of children eg. sensory experiences for the very young, simple resources to make independently and others for adults to make with children's help.

**Annual Conference – Delegates choose 2 workshops to attend from the 4 available**

The theme of this year's conference is **Healthy Lifestyles – Supporting the Obesity Strategy.** The conference will take place at the Hilton Hotel, 100 Watering Lane, Collingtree, Northampton from **9.00-4.30** on **SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Our patron, Neil Griffiths will be joining us for the morning and** we are delighted to welcome the return of the inspirational **Michael Pettavel** as our keynote speaker, who will have **'Physical Risk – Mental Challenge'** as his theme.

The choice of workshops available is:

**Kathryn Solly** - Making the Most of Risk, Challenge and Adventure in the Early Years.

This workshop will consider the background and research behind risky play and why it is essential. It will give delegates lots of practical ideas via photographs and video of challenging opportunities and environments to extend young children's learning experiences outdoors and in.

**Elaine Cowley** - Babies, Brains and Balance – Physical Development in Babies.

This workshop will focus on a babies' crucial journey from horizontal to vertical; why it is so important, and the many, many ways that adults can help – or hinder – the normal progression of sensory motor skills in infancy.

**Ellie Collar and Julia Simmons-Collar**-Supporting Children's Mental Health.

Little Meerkat's Big Panic helps very young children to explore, understand and learn strategies for managing anxiety. This seminar will include a 20 minute demonstration performance followed by a workshop on the brain development of anxiety and stress, and a chance to explore range of practical low cost-no cost tools to use with young children to help them learn to understand and manage strong feelings and anxiety in a positive way from the start.

**Dr Patricia Mucavele (PhD, RNutr, FRSPH, OBE)**

**'Eat Better, Start Better' - Promoting and supporting healthy eating in early years settings**

This workshop will focus on the Voluntary Food and Drink Guidelines for Early Years Settings in England. Highlighting the importance of investing in nutrition in early childhood and equipping the early years workforce with the knowledge, skills and confidence to meet the EYFS welfare requirement to provide healthy, balanced and nutritious meals and snacks. The interactive workshop will include opportunities to use the practical support tools

that are freely available, including menu checklist, portion size guidance and reading food labels.

The **Exhibition and market place** will have a great selection of information stands and stalls with some amazing bargains. The **PRIZE DRAW** will give you a chance to win wonderful prizes!

Cost is just **£50 per person** and £40 for NCA Premium members and includes attendance at a morning and afternoon workshop, refreshments and a hot lunch.

This event is open to our childminding and other early years colleagues. If you would like to join us, visit our website to find out more or to book your place <http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindinguk-conference-2017/>

## **Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre**

### **An Introduction to Forest School**

**Are you interested in finding out about Forest Schools? Are you thinking of setting up your own Forest School?**

Come and find out more about Forest Schools at the Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre:

- \* How did Forest Schools start: the history and development of them.
- \* What is a Forest School?
- \* How do Forest Schools work?
- \* What's the role of a Forest School Leader?
- \* What happens at Forest School?

The course is based in a woodland environment so please be prepared to come dressed for outdoor work whatever the weather. We do have waterproofs and wellies that can be borrowed if you don't have your own.

Date: 20th July 2017

Time: 9.30am – 1pm

Venue: Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre

Cost: £30

For more information or to book your place please contact

Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre. Tel 01327 361384 or email [everdon@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:everdon@firstforwellbeing.co.uk)

## **Pen Green Open Evening**

Would you like to discover our innovative MA programme?

Drop-in 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 15:30-18:00 to meet our team and [find out more](#).

### **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)

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