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Early Years
Provider update

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Dear provider,

We've enjoyed another busy week of visiting settings, delivering training, and networking with many of you.

In this week's email we have some updates following the EY Quality team's trip to the Voice of Early Childhood conference, lots of CPD opportunities, and a reminder about Ofsted's consultation to improve the way they inspect education.

For those of you who will be on half term next week, enjoy your break! For those of you in all year-round settings, our team work all year round too so we'll look forward to catching up with lots of you next week.

Early Education and Child Development team



Bristol and Beyond – Stronger Practice Hub

The Stronger Practice Hubs programme aims to support settings to address the impact of the pandemic on young children, by sharing effective practice and building lasting local networks.

The early years Stronger Practice Hub programme is supported by the [Education Endowment Foundation](#) and the [National Children's Bureau](#).

Don't forget to check out the latest [Stronger Practice Hub events](#). There are lots of opportunities available including 'Beyond Behaviour: Understanding and Responding to Children's Behaviour', 'Supporting Two-Year-Olds Speech and Language' and 'Introduction to Staff Supervision'.



The Shaping Us Framework

The Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood has published a new framework emphasizing the critical role of social and emotional skills in the well-being of children.

[The Shaping Us Framework](#) has been designed to help give social and emotional skills the greater priority they deserve and to encourage organisations across the UK, including the early years sector to use it in their work, to support The Princess of Wales' mission of creating a happier, healthier society.

Ofsted Consultation

We shared it last week, but it's worth another reminder as this is your opportunity to respond to the consultation and [help improve the way Ofsted inspects education.](#)

Ofsted are asking parents, carers, professionals and learners what they think about their proposals to improve education inspections and their new report cards for providers. Please take the time to submit your response and share the information with your parents and carers.

DSL support hub

Please find the [notes](#) and [recording](#) from this week's DSL support hub meeting. The next DSL Support Hub meeting is at 8.30am on Wednesday 26th February 2025.

Log in details below:

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB



The Voice of Early Childhood conference

Some of the Early Years Quality team spent their weekend in Nottingham visiting 'The Voice of Early Childhood' conference. They had the opportunity to listen to many speakers such as Matt Bawler, Yinka Ogunnusi, Dr Sue Allingham, Dr Sara Bonetti and Jan Dubiel.

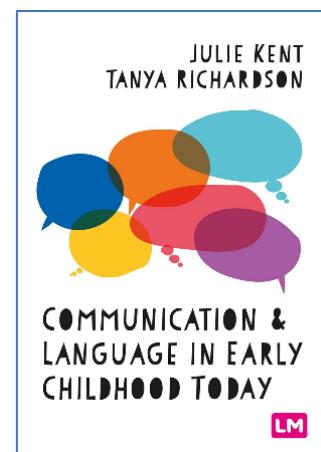
The team look forward to bringing back the updates and inspirations gained back to Gloucestershire to share with the sector.

The Voice of Early Childhood is a weekly [podcast](#) which brings discussion, reflection and debate from a wide range of early years educators and experts.

Book Corner

This week's book idea 'Communication & Language in Early Childhood Today' supports those working in the early years to explore the wide range of issues and factor that impact on children's communication and language development.

We were lucky enough to pick up our copies at the weekend, signed by editors Julie Kent and Tanya Richardson. It is full of interesting case studies, and helpful reflection points.





CPD Spotlight

Our trip to Nottingham also blessed us with another opportunity to hear Ben Kingston-Hughes speak. Those of you who joined us at our Early Years Conference in November will know how inspiring Ben is as a speaker, and advocate for young children.

Ben is returning to Gloucestershire on Wednesday 14th May to deliver his entertaining and interactive 'Mathtastics in early years' session.

There is both a [morning](#) and an [afternoon](#) session available to book on to now!

Training and other opportunities!

Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) - 25 February 7.00 - 8.00pm
(via Teams) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 4 March 4.00 - 5.30pm - Mary P's Day Nursery (Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU) [Book here](#)

Leaders and Managers Network Meeting - 5 March 1.00pm - 3.30pm - University of Gloucestershire Oxstalls Campus, Oxstalls Lane, Longlevens GL2 9HW [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 6 March 6.30pm - 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) [Book here](#).

SIOT Level 2 - 6 March 4.00pm - 6.00pm - Alderman Knight School (46 Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, England, GL20 8JJ) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 10 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51

0ES) (Elliott Building) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 11 March 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Slimbridge Primary School, St John's Road, Slimbridge, GL2 7DD
[Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 12 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 13 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 18 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here](#)

Mathtastics in Early Years - Wednesday 14th May - Gloucester Farmers Club. 10am - 12noon - [Book here](#) or 1pm - 3pm - [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years

You can book Total Communication in the Early Years training through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account and then type Total Communications into the search bar. You will then see the link for this service.

Once you have booked and checked out, please contact eyssadviceline@gloucestershire.gov.uk to arrange a date and time for delivery of the course.

Please note - most training and all events (excluding some meetings) are subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your booking. If you are in any doubt, please email eysservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The standard GCC Cancellation Policy will apply:

- *100% refund 10 days or more before the course starts.*
- *50% refund between 9 and 5 days before the course starts.*
- *0% refund between 4 and 2 days before the course starts.*

- 0% refund between 1 day or fewer before the course starts.



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