

Celebrating 25 years of Excellence in Early Years Practice  
at Madresfield Early Years Centre



# SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE

An Inspirational Conference  
for Early Years Professionals



Saturday 19th May 2018

Madresfield Early Years Centre, Madresfield, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 5AA

# Are you ready to 'soar'?



Join us for a uniquely inspirational conference

As Madresfield Early Years Centre starts to celebrate its 25th year of operation, we invite practitioners and Early Years professionals of all levels to join us for an inspirational Conference, sharing outstanding practice and exciting new ideas. We invite delegates to spread their wings and really aim high, as we encourage and support the children in our care to reach out and fulfil their potential, using all the skills and facilities at our disposal.

## In the morning...

**9:00am** REGISTRATION



## ...keynote speeches

**9:40am ~ 10:40am**

### ■ **The Unfolding of Children: Inspiring Thinking on Child Development**

by Professor Chris Pascal  
and Professor  
Tony Bertram



The session will focus on the importance of practitioners having an understanding and knowledge of child development through the Foundation Years and key Stage 1 (birth to eight years) and the critical role of this phase of development in a child's long term wellbeing and achievement. Whilst acknowledging the unique developmental progress of children, it will explore children's unique journey as they pass from babyhood through the school years in key aspects of their learning and development, including personal, social and emotional development; communication and language skills; and physical development. It will also contextualise that developmental process to understand the influence of close interpersonal relationships (Trevarthan) and wider ecological influences (Bronfenbrenner) including the role of key persons (Bowlby), family and the wider social and cultural influences on development. Finally, it will explore how to create a learning environment to support optimal child development in the Early Years. This includes the development of a supportive pedagogic environment, ethos and climate, positive and empowering relationships and interactions, group organisational strategies and challenging, play based, child initiated activity.

**11:40am ~ 12:10pm**

### ■ **Early Years update**

by Purnima Tanuku OBE,  
NDNA Chief Executive

Purnima, supported by the Board of Trustees, leads the strategic direction of the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA). She has developed NDNA into the Voice of the Sector, the strongest and biggest representative organisation for early years across the UK. Purnima negotiates with Government Ministers and parliamentarians, civil servants and local authorities. She regularly appears on national television, radio, online and print media sharing the views of our nursery members, raising public awareness and lobbying Government for better support for nurseries and their children.

Since joining NDNA, Purnima has developed the organisation's infrastructure to support and represent the membership across the UK. She was instrumental in developing NDNA's National Early Years Enterprise Centre at its headquarters in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. In 2010 Purnima was awarded OBE for services to families.

**Lunch will be provided, plus morning and afternoon snacks – and birthday cake too!**

# In the afternoon...



## ...Masterclass sessions

Our four masterclass sessions will run twice during the afternoon from **2:15pm ~ 3:00pm** and from **3:30pm ~ 4:15pm**

### ■ Supporting left-handed children in Early Years

with Mark Stewart

This intriguing masterclass will include the following:

- History of why Mark and Heather started their shop
- How/when can you tell if a child is/may be left-handed – laterality tests
- Scissors – difference between right and left-handed, with some practical activities
- Writing – potential difficulties and how to overcome them



### ■ Keep Calm, it's only Ofsted

with Esther Gray

The aim of these informative sessions will be to:

- Dispel fears of inspection
- Clarify what the process involves
- Develop confidence of practitioners, leaders and managers

The sessions will explain what Ofsted inspectors do and what you can expect to happen during inspection and look at some of the myths surrounding inspection.

It will also give guidance on what you can do to help yourselves to have a positive experience of inspection.



### ■ Spectacular Science

with Matt Stanford

The aims of the session are to:

- Increase practitioners' confidence in incorporating science in all areas of the Early Years
- Show how science links specifically to the prime and specific areas of the EYFS
- Highlight characteristics of effective science based activities
- Help practitioners create an investigation station – a hub for all the science investigations

The session will look to give practitioners a chance to get their hands dirty with some activities they can use in the setting and help them to understand what science is and how it fits in to Early Years.



### ■ Discover the Art of Loose Parts with The Curiosity Approach

with Lyndsey Hellyn and

Stephanie Bennett, The Curiosity Approach

Are you familiar with the theory of loose parts? Join The Curiosity Approach enabling us to share with you our love of Loose Parts and their value in Early Years play.

When children use 'loose parts' it can be anything their amazing minds imagine it to be but you can bet it will be with purpose! Let their imagination be everywhere!

Come along to our Master Class to tinker, explore and immerse yourself in a world of opportunity through Loose Parts and Open Ended Resources.

Learn how to set up whimsical Invitations to Learning. Ignite the spark and let imagination lead the way.

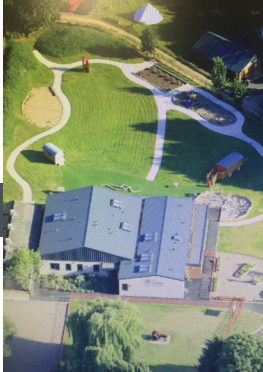


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# Also during the afternoon...

**2:00pm ~ 4:00pm**

- **There will be the opportunity to join us for a tour of Worcester Early Years Centre**



## LOOK OUT FOR MARKETPLACE OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities available for suppliers to the Early Years sector to connect at this unique event.

We are already being joined by various companies including:

- The Book People
- Early Years Direct
- Wise Owl Toys/  
The Left-handed Shop

plus many more!

If you would like to join us too, please contact Cath Glover [centremanager@meyc.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@meyc.co.uk) for more information about booking a stand.

Worcester Early Years Centre opened in September 2015. It is the sister unit to Madresfield Early Years Centre. Purpose designed and purpose built, it has many exciting and innovative features, especially developed with Early Years in mind.

## Look out for our Charity Raffle

Our Charity Raffle will be raising money to support Macmillan Cancer and the Breast Cancer Haven Centres in Worcester and Hereford. There will be some fabulous prizes on offer, so be sure to enter!



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### BOOKING FORM

Please complete all parts of the form below and return with payment to:

"Soar Like an Eagle", Madresfield Early Years Centre, Madresfield, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 5AA

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Name of organisation

Address

Postcode

Tel  Mobile

e-mail

Any special dietary requirements

Tickets are **£40** each with an **early bird discount price of £35** for bookings made before 25th March. Included in the price of the ticket are lunch, mid morning and mid afternoon snacks, morning keynote speakers and the choice in the afternoon of two masterclasses or a tour of our new unit – Worcester Early Years Centre – a purpose designed and built Early Years Centre. There will also be goodie bags for each delegate.

I would like to attend the following afternoon events (please tick):

- Supporting left-handed children in early years**    **Spectacular Science**    **Keep Calm, it's only Ofsted**  
 **Loose parts play**    **Special tour of Worcester Early Years Centre**

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

- **BACS** – Madresfield Early Years Centre Ltd, Acc no. 00107115, sort code 20-98-61  
Please use your name as a reference along with CON19518
- **Credit/Debit Card** – ring the Office 01684 574378 Mon-Fri 9am-1pm to pay by this method
- **Cheque** – Send cheque payable to Madresfield Early Years Centre Ltd, with booking form.

Number of tickets required

