



# EYQI Updates

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## Upcoming training



### 14.05.25- **Moderation for Reception Class Teachers & Early Years Leads**

The Living Well, Willowbrook, Alex Suite 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Please click the link to book: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEM>

### 06.05.25, 13.05.25 & 20.05.25- **How to Support Children with Neurodevelopmental Difficulties and Developmental Delay Within Early Years**

6:00pm-8:00pm All three sessions must be attended)

### 13.05.25- **Making Sense of Autism in the Early Years** 1:00pm-2:30pm

13th May and 20th May – **Early Talk Boost**. This training is free, and 2 boxes of resources are paid by St Helens Council for the participating school/setting and ready for collection. If you would like to book your place please email [lidiawolos@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:lidiawolos@sthelens.gov.uk)

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – **PEEP training** This comprehensive 2-day training will provide you with online access to the Peep Learning Together Programme, designed to enhance young children's outcomes and narrow the gap in educational attainment by working closely with parents.

## Henry Training

**Free to attend Henry - Understanding Children's Behaviour Workshop, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1-2.30pm at Sutton Family Hub.**

**Available to anyone who cares for children.**

**Please use the link below to book your place.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/henry-workshop-understanding-childrens-behaviour-18062025-tickets-1347815204559?aff=oddttdtcreator>

### **Event Overview:**

Join us for a friendly and supportive workshop that helps you make sense of your child's behaviour. This free local session is designed for parents and carers of young children who want to better understand the emotions and needs behind their child's actions.

Through guided discussion and practical examples, you'll gain useful insights into:

- Understand feelings and needs behind children's behaviour.
- Discover the importance of listening to children, and how it can support meeting their needs.
- Explore responding with empathy, and how it can positively influence children's behaviour.

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## **Liverpool City Region and Beyond Stronger Practice Hub are offering an Interactive Reading Workshop**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. 9:30am - 12pm**

**Venue** - Sutton Family Hub. Ellamsbridge Road. WA9 3PY

This workshop is open to all educators working in Early Years settings.

Course aims and outcomes:

Research shows that one of the most powerful ways of developing early communication and language is through interactive reading. Interactive reading offers a wealth of benefits for children's communication and language development, cognitive skills, early literacy outcomes and relationships with adults.

Through this course, educators will gain a greater understanding of how to support children's communication and language development through interactive reading.

They will learn about the prompts which can be used during an interactive reading session and how to implement this approach in their setting. with Alex Gower-Jones - Independent Consultant

Please contact [sphubNW@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:sphubNW@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk) to reserve your funded place

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## EYFS Building Blocks for Reading. Foundation Phonics

There are a few places available for the 'Building Blocks for Reading. Introduction to Phonics' training  
There are 2 sessions for EYFS educators working with 2-5s. Both sessions must be attended.

The aims for the training are-

- To recap on the teaching and learning outcomes for Communication & Language and Literacy in the EYFS
- To understand more about phonics
- To introduce Phase 1 phonics themes and activities
- To identify features of good practice and quality education
- To identify next steps in applying any new knowledge

**Date:** Tuesday 3rd June 2025 & Tuesday 24th June 2025

**Time:** 9:30am - 12pm

**Venue:** Board Room 2, Forster House, Waterside, St Helens, WA9 1UB

To book your place please use this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEH>

### Do Something Big campaign – advertising vacancies on Find A Job ahead of summer activity

The next wave of the [Do Something Big campaign](#) will run from 19 May-14 September 2025, encouraging more people to explore a fulfilling career in early years and childcare.

New adverts include 15-second social videos that challenge common barriers to joining the sector, alongside new content specifically designed to encourage more men to consider working in early years roles. The campaign will be across TV, radio, digital, social media, billboards, and the rail network.

We'd love your support in amplifying the campaign - please keep an eye out for the new adverts and use the [available resources](#) in your own recruitment activity.

The [campaign website](#) also directs thousands of potential applicants to [Find A Job](#) every week and you can advertise your roles there for free, which will ensure they are seen by a large pool of candidates

Watch these [video tutorials](#) for help creating a Find a Job account and posting your jobs (make sure you include the term '**early years**' in your job advert titles and select '**Education and childcare jobs**' as the job category).

### Early Years Alliance event for Childminders.

**Free virtual event**

Shaping the future of childminding: have your say

Wednesday 21 May, 7pm - 8pm

The Early Years Alliance is running a free virtual event for childminding professionals looking at:

- Current childminding trends and what is driving them
- Areas for potential policy change (such as removing restrictions on childminders claiming funding for related children)
- The key challenges and opportunities facing childminding professionals
- How the Alliance can represent and support you and your childminding provision moving forward

The event will include a policy update from Alliance CEO Neil Leitch, and will be led by early years development manager Richard Knight and early years development officer Ruth Richardson. Attendees will also have the opportunity to share their views, ideas and concerns with fellow childminding professionals.

You can book your free place at [bit.ly/CMConnectEYA](https://bit.ly/CMConnectEYA).



## [DFE announces fully funded Early Years SENCO training for 2025-26](#)

As part of the government's plan to break down barriers to opportunity, improving outcomes for children in early years education, the Department for Education is very pleased to announce that Best Practice Network (BPN) has been selected as our delivery partner to provide 1000 SENCO training places in financial year 2025-26.

The key aim of the programme is to increase the number of qualified SENCOs available to children in group-based settings and childminder settings, who have the knowledge and skills to properly fulfil the role of a SENCO described in the [code of practice and in the role description](#).

Training is available across England and is open to Early Years educators currently working as, or due to start working as, a Special Educational Needs Coordinator in their setting.

Applicants from group-based private, voluntary or independent (PVI) settings must hold a full and relevant level 3 Early Years qualification. Childminder applicants must hold either a full and relevant Early Years level 3 qualification or have a level 2 Early Years qualification but have fully completed at least one level 3 Early Years training module and have significant experience of working in Early Years.

Training will commence from June 2025 and recruitment is open now. For further information, and to complete your application, please see [Early Years SENCO - Level 3 | Best Practice Network](#).



Our popular **Deaf Awareness Training for Early Years Practitioners** will be running again soon.

Join us online on **Wednesday 21 May from 6pm to 7.30pm**, to learn how to support deaf children with any level of hearing loss (including glue ear).

**Book your place today**

This training session is CPD accredited and is suitable for anyone who works in a nursery, crèche, childminder setting, reception class, or other early years setting.

You'll learn:

- deaf awareness tips
- how to support communication using books and songs
- some basic British Sign Language (BSL) signs.

Do you know a colleague or friend who may like to join? Please share this email with them, thank you.

If you have any questions, please email [training@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:training@ndcs.org.uk).

Best wishes,  
Steph  
**Events team**

## Festival of learning

Hi everyone, **It's that time of year again!** Our St Helens Festival of Learning is ready to go. This year the theme will be inclusion, so the title of the festival is.....



We are incredibly lucky with the speakers we have to represent our theme of '**Together we learn: Inclusive practice Festival**'. Each of our speakers has been specifically chosen for their work in education both with adults and children. Each have made a massive difference in education, working with school leaders and educators just like us to achieve outstanding results.

By the end of our festival we hope that **inclusivity** is not just a word used within schools. When we 'include' all the potential that St Helens has to offer to our children and young people, working in partnership together we can .....

### **achieve the St Helens 3 obsessions:**

1. **Attendance** - All learners of all ages have the right to the best quality of education
2. **Inclusion** - We promote inclusion to reduce inequality. We actively work together to champion the needs of disadvantaged children and challenge every organisation and profession across the borough to do the same
3. **Wellbeing** - We focus on the needs of children and young people, rather than the needs of institutions or groups.

**in person offer** - *at the Totally Wicked Stadium, for amazing speakers and a very inclusive experience.*

The Monday offer takes place at the Premier Lounge in the fantastic Totally Wicked Stadium, our in-person offer is an all day event that includes teas and coffee breaks, and lunch will be provided. Monday hosts a range of interactive speakers from St Helens and beyond to demonstrate how inclusivity forms such a big part of what our schools and settings offer.

**online offer** - *virtual courses to sign up to, highlighting the inclusivity of our St Helens services*

For those who are struggling with moving timetables and time away from school, there will be a virtual offer to our festival on Tuesday 20th. This offer will be broadcast on Microsoft Teams via a personal link sent to you after completing your booking form. (Further details below). Our Virtual offer demonstrates the vast array of talent from our St Helens services who will be providing training on areas that our young people often struggle with and hopefully make us as leaders, more inclusive to their needs.

**Schools offer** - *a chance to visit and witness some fantastic practice in action.*

To celebrate our amazing schools and settings, our Wednesday offer will be exploring our local offer. Schools from across St Helens have been invited to demonstrate how inclusivity is central to their schools and settings. You will be invited to various settings to experience firsthand how our schools and settings are tackling issues first hand and providing the best offer for our St Helens Young People.



The St Helens Education and Learning Service would like to invite you and your staff to our annual festival of learning 2025.

[Go to this Sway](#)

**Please see the Sway embedded to answer any questions you might have and guidance on how to book.**

In order to secure your school a place at the Festival of Learning please use the code **LAPLACE** at the checkout.

As places at the in-person events at the Premier Lounge on the 19th May and our school settings on the 21st May are limited, please ensure you register all your attendees below. For the virtual Tuesday 20th May, event places are unlimited but still need to be booked.

[Click here NOW to save your place.](#)

## **PVI MS Teams Forum for private nurseries and childminders:**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a296c4d2f7039446a9e0aa281bd40e55a%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=4f2a06e5-0991-4575-be27-b6cc16d97f34&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>

**Schools MS Teams Forum**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a2589ee5f1bd043fdbb67bec3cd7d3b1c%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=9e33e316-91dc-4469-94d4-36a4da88746a&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>