



EYQI Updates

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Upcoming training announcements

How to Support Children with Neurodevelopmental Difficulties and Developmental Delay Within Early Years

This training has been produced and is delivered by a multi-agency team including the Bridge Centre, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Specialist Teacher and the Portage Service. During the day delegates will explore the impact for a child with Neurodevelopmental difficulties and how this can impact on their learning. Practitioners will gain useful ideas and strategies to adapt their practice when supporting children and explore behaviours linked to these difficulties.

The training covers

- Autism
- ADHD
- Attachment
- Sensory Processing, language disorder
- Behaviour

Date Tuesday 25th November 2025

9:30am – 3:00pm

Venue: Virtual - Microsoft Teams

Delivered by The Bridge

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDJU>

Safeguarding Awareness Wraparound

Safeguarding training for wraparound providers ensures the safety of children in before and after school care. It covers recognizing abuse, creating a safe environment according to Statutory guidance EYFS 2025.

Date Wednesday 2nd December 2025

9:15am -12:15pm

Audience

Practitioners working in Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs, Group Based and School Based Providers and Childminders.

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

Delivered by Kate Campbell & Gemma Oakes – Early Years Quality and Inclusion/EYHUB team

To book places on the remaining Autumn training dates click on- For all training, click onto this Try Booking link to book your individual training sessions:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDJU>

A Special Approach to Making it REAL

Date: Wed 12 November Time: 10am – 12 noon

The NCB will provide training to practitioners on how you can use the Raising Early Achievement in Literacy (REAL) approach to support children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). The aim of the workshop is to provide an overview of how to support the home learning environment for families with a child with SEND, with a particular focus on early language and literacy.

Register here: <https://edua-zcmp.maillist-manage.eu/click/195f6ae4e8c08d7/195f6ae4e82a242>

Wraparound Childcare

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You're invited to The Wraparound Conference 2026

Celebrating the Magic of Breakfast, Afterschool & Holiday Clubs

Calling all providers who run—or are thinking about starting—breakfast clubs, afterschool clubs, or holiday provision! We're thrilled to invite you to a day dedicated to celebrating *you* and the incredible work you do to support children beyond the school day.

Cost: Free

Venue- Brewdog Stadium- (St Helens RL)

Time- 9:00-15:00

Lunch Included!

Guest speakers- Rebekah Jackson Reece- covering out of school clubs, strategic/ business models & 2 workshops with Alice Sharp (Adventures with Alice)

Bookings now open.....

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLJH>

Workshops with Alice Sharp will include- STEM and Story telling and Role play. Rebekah Jackson Reece- Will be talking about the amazing role Out of School clubs have for young children and working parents. Business planning and strategic models will be discussed.



NSPCC Talk Pants- Competition.

The amazing winning posters from competitions held in St Helens Libraries.

😊 Thanks to everyone involved. 😊



We would love to share more of your posters or displays.
Please share your Talk PANTS creations with us, email
eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk

Get your nursery involved in the National Education Nature Park



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Education
Nature Park

A free Department for Education-commissioned programme that supports you to bring nature into everyday teaching and learning. Taking part as an EYFS setting supports young learners to connect with nature and explore green changes to their environment, as well as supporting development and learning across all seven Early Learning Goals. Nature connection in early childhood is crucial for developing a lifelong relationship with the natural world. Supporting learners to build a positive

connection with nature in the early years can motivate and empower them to protect and value its importance now and in the future.

Check out all of the free resources from the Nature Park and get started.

[Home | Education Nature Park](#)

Recruitment in Early Years



If your setting currently has job vacancies, support is available to help you promote them effectively. The Early Years Hub – Information for Childcare Providers offers useful resources to enhance your recruitment campaign.

Additionally, if you would like assistance using the *Do Something Big* campaign website to advertise your vacancies, please contact the Early Years Quality and Inclusion Team at eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk. We are happy to provide guidance and support.

[Do something big - Early Years Careers](#)

What's on in November at St Helens Library (World of Glass)

St Helens library has some lovely Children events taking place free of charge. If you would like the libraries to visit your setting or childminding groups, please get in touch with Kate Stephenson

Library Outreach Officer
Managing St Helens library
KateStephenson@sthelens.gov.uk



What's on November at St Helens Library

Under fives crafts Tuesday 4th November 10.15am Brave Little Firework Come along and join in with our under-fives craft session. Listen to our story and join in with some crafts 	Read and Rhyme Wednesday's 10.15 Thursday's 10.15 Come along and join us for a story and singing.	Road Safety week Crafts and Bingo Tuesday 18th November 3.30-4.30 Come along and join in with some Road Safety fun. Join in with a game of Bingo and make some crafts to take home 
Saturday Story and Songs Saturday 1st November at 10.30 Come along to our Saturday session, Listen to a favourite story and join in with songs and Rhymes. 	Bonfire night crafts Tuesday 4th November 3.30-4.40 Come along and join in with some bonfire night crafts and colouring 	CHAMPS Children and Men's Play Session Saturday 8th November 10.30 Storytime Anti bullying week Elephant me A session for children and their male carers to join in with activities. Listen to a story and join with a craft or Lego and K'nex
Local History Monday 3rd November at 10am-12 Stop by our Family History Helpdesk for guidance on starting your research and accessing free resources from St Helens library service and Archive Service No need to book, just come along		



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Supporting Emotional Wellbeing in the Early Years: Building Resilience from the Start

Following on from World Mental Health Day last month, we are provided with a valuable opportunity to reflect on how we support emotional wellbeing in early years settings, for our youngest learners, colleagues and parents. The [2025 EYFS statutory framework](#) places a strong emphasis on emotional development, self-regulation, and wellbeing, while the government's [Best Start in Life strategy](#) reinforces the importance of early intervention and high-quality early years provision to improve life chances.

Follow the link:

[Supporting Emotional Wellbeing in the Early Years: Building Resilience from the Start - Foundation Years](#)

Road Safety Week November 16th – 22nd



Getting involved in Road Safety Week offers children a fun and meaningful way to learn essential life skills.

Through stories and role play, we can help children to begin to understand how to stay safe at home, in school, and in the community.

Click on the link below for different ways you can get involved with road safety.

[Schools and families | Get involved | Brake](#)

Supervised Toothbrushing Champions

Are you an early years setting who would love to showcase the great work you are doing with supervised toothbrushing? We are looking for a range of settings who are taking part in supervised toothbrushing who are happy to be shared as an exemplar setting for the programme.

This may be a new or established supervised toothbrushing scheme. The most important thing is that you are happy to share your enthusiasm and how you are making it work for your setting.

We have regular requests from MPs interested in the programme, including opportunities to visit settings – this is your chance to champion children's oral health!

If you would like to be one of our supervised toothbrushing champions, please complete the short form accessible at <https://forms.office.com/e/FxTThEAfKp>.

If you have any queries, please contact supervisedtoothbrushing@dhsc.gov.uk.

Free maths programme for early years settings in England

NDNA are recruiting over 1800 eligible settings for its fully funded Maths Champions programme. Maths Champions is an evidence-based, professional development programme that will increase early years educator skills, knowledge, awareness and confidence in supporting children's early mathematical development. Register your interest and find out about NDNA's Maths Champions programme.

Maths Champions has been commissioned by the [Education Endowment Foundation](#) and is funded by the Department for Education.

[Register your interest](#)

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