



ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Continued Professional Development Training
Programme
Summer 2026

EYHUB Network Meeting Dates

<p><u>EYHUB Network Meeting for Settings</u></p> <p>Target audience – Nursery Managers, Nursery senior leaders and School nursery teachers</p> <p><u>The Living Well, Willowbrook, Alex Suite</u></p>	<p>9:00am – 12:00pm Wednesday 10th June 2026</p> <p>Please click the link to book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FADM</p>
<p><u>EYHUB Network Meeting for Schools</u></p> <p>Target Audience – Reception Teachers and EY leads</p> <p><u>The Living Well, Willowbrook, Alex Suite</u></p>	<p>1:00pm – 4:00pm Wednesday 10th June 2026</p> <p>Please click the link to book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FADL</p>
<p><u>EYHUB Network Meetings for Childminders</u></p> <p>6:30pm – 8:00pm via Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>6:30pm – 8:00pm Wednesday 17th June 2026</p> <p>Please click the link to book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FADN</p>

Reception Class Moderation

<p><u>Moderation for Reception Class Teachers & Early Years Leads</u></p> <p><u>The Living Well, Willowbrook, Alex Suite</u></p>	<p>1:00pm – 4:00pm Wednesday 13th May 2026</p> <p>Please click the link to book: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FADI</p>
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EYHUB

Free training for Summer 2026

How do I access the training?

1. For all training, click onto this Try Booking link to book your individual training sessions:
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDJU>
2. Any problems, please contact us at eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EYHUB Network Meeting for Settings

9:00am – 12:00noon

Wednesday 10th June 2026

EYHUB Network Meeting for Schools

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday 10th June 2026

EYHUB Network Meetings for Childminders (online)

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday 17th June 2026

Moderation for Reception Class Teachers & Early Years Leads

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday 13th May 2026

GREG BOTRILL – Drawing Club

9:00am – 12:30pm

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

We are delighted to announce that we have managed secure the wonderful GREG BOTRILL to come and deliver sessions to all St. Helens schools and Nurseries. This has been made possible via DfE funding to improve Communication, Language and Literacy skills across the Early Years.

We would therefore like to invite you to take up one FULLY FUNDED place on the following training -

Reception - Drawing Club - The progress children can make through Drawing Club across all areas of the curriculum is exceptional. Developed with Early Years principles in mind, Drawing Club is a fantastic place to start a child's experience of school 'Literacy'.

FOR EARLY YEARS PROVIDERS

GREG BOTTRILL DRAWING CLUB

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- **Playful techniques**
- **Story and imagination**
- **Confidence through drawing**

EVENT DETAILS

**LIVINGWELL,
WILLOWBROOK,
BOROUGH ROAD,
ST HELENS**



Join for an inspiring Interactive session with Greg Bottrill as he brings the magic of Drawing Club to life! Discover how story, Imagination, and mark making can empower children to become confident creators,

Through playful techniques and compelling narratives. Greg will share practical ways to nurture creativity, connection, and joy, in your early years setting. Expect hands-on ideas: thoughtful provocations, and renepat love for the wonder of children's drawing.

ENGAGING WORKSHOP | NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES

Title and Summary	<h3><u>Early Years Chefs Network</u></h3> <p>A practical and supportive session for early years chefs to share ideas, recipes, and good practice. The network offers a space to discuss menu planning, nutrition, allergies, and mealtime approaches, while learning from peers and local experts. Ideal for anyone preparing food in early years settings who wants fresh ideas, shared solutions, and professional connection.</p>
Date	Wednesday 6 th May 2026 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Target Audience	Early Years Chefs
Places Available	50
Venue	Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Delivered by	Gemma Oakes– Early Years Quality and Inclusion & Safeguarding Partnership Team & Teresa Mercer

Title and Summary	<h3><u>Next Steps Conference</u></h3> <p>Our 'Next Steps Conference' is an opportunity to discuss children who have been known to our service who are transitioning into School in September 2026. There will be refreshments and time to seek advice from the following teams, who support children and their families with SEND.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionals from the Bridge centre, consisting of Specialist SEND Teacher, The Portage Team and Preschool Support Workers, • Speech and Language Therapy, • Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, • TESSA Autism • TESSA Hearing and Vision • IASS • Quality and Inclusion Team
Date	Wednesday 20 th May 2026 10:00am – 2:30pm with Next Steps Follow up sessions on the morning of 16th July 2026
Target Audience	This conference is aimed at Headteachers, SENCOs and Early Years teachers
Places Available	Please contact the Bridge to book a place
Venue	The Bridge, South Community HUB, WA9 4DE St Helens.
Delivered by	The Bridge /EYHUB

Title and Summary	<p><u>Safeguarding Awareness for Practitioners Working in Early Years Settings and Childminders</u></p> <p>Safeguarding Awareness course aims to help learners understand their responsibilities for safeguarding children. It explains how to recognise and respond to abuse, how to respond to a disclosure, and how to act upon concerns about the safety and welfare of children and young people, according to Statutory guidance EYFS 2025.</p>
Date	Wednesday 20 th May 2026 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Target Audience	Nursery Managers, Early Years Practitioners and Childminders.
Places Available	50
Venue	Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Delivered by	Gemma Oakes– Early Years Quality and Inclusion & Safeguarding Partnership Team

Title and Summary	<p><u>Supporting Children with Emotional Wellbeing</u></p> <p>The sessions aim to offer practical advice around supporting children in the Early Years settings as well as supporting strategies in the home.</p>
Date	Tuesday 9 th June 2026 9:30am – 12:00pm
Target Audience	Early Years Practitioners / SENDCO's working in Group Based Providers, School Based Providers, Childminders and Family Support Workers
Places Available	50
Venue	Virtual - Microsoft Teams
Delivered by	The Bridge/EYHUB

Title and Summary	<p><u>Early Years Settings Safeguarding Lead Network Meeting</u></p> <p>Summary - Opportunity to liaise with other safeguarding leads and meet with other professionals working to safeguarding children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning from Safeguarding Serious Case Reviews. • Getting to know about new resources and training opportunities available from St Helens Safeguarding Partnership Board. • Familiarisation with new topics, as well as national and local updates <p>Each meeting has a theme or a guest speaker. Further details to be released shortly before the date of the network.</p>
Date	Thursday 25 th June 2026 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Target Audience	Designated Safeguarding Leads in Early Years Settings and Childminders
Places Available	50
Venue	Virtual - Microsoft Teams
Delivered by	Gemma Oakes – Early Years Quality and Inclusion & Safeguarding Partnership Team

Title and Summary	<p><u>Ofsted pre-registration for childminders</u></p> <p>This is a presentation of the pre-registration briefing for anyone wanting to become a childminder in St Helens.</p>
Date	Thursday 2nd July 2026 2:00pm – 3:00pm & 4:30pm – 5:30pm (only one session needs to be attended)
Target Audience	Newly registering childminders
Places Available	50
Venue	Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Delivered by	Gemma Oakes - Early Years Quality and Inclusion & Safeguarding Partnership Team

Title and Summary	<p><u>Using the Five PERMA Pillars of Wellbeing to promote emotional wellbeing and development in the Early Years</u></p> <p>Why do this course? Aims and outcomes: Attendees will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop knowledge of Positive Psychology and the five PERMA pillars of wellbeing, enabling EYs practitioners to build a shared understanding and common language around what constitutes wellbeing. • Develop an understanding of PERMA as a universal, strengths based, preventative framework that enriches whole setting culture. PERMA shapes positive climate, interactions and daily routines, creating the conditions for sustained wellbeing over time. • Reflect on current practice and work collaboratively to identify meaningful steps to cultivate and embed the five PERMA pillars in everyday practice at the whole-setting level, and for individual children. • Be introduced to a one-page PERMA profile that records children’s wellbeing in a clear and accessible format, helping practitioners understand individual patterns of positive emotion, engagement, relationships, meaning, and achievement. • Learn to create and use a radar tracker to assess, plan for, implement and review the use of PERMA to improve wellbeing
Date	Wednesday 8 th July 2026 9:00am – 12 noon
Target Audience	EY practitioners, childminders, teachers and any workforce working with under 5s
Places Available	50
Venue	The Living Well, Willowbrook, Alex Suite
Delivered by	Educational Psychology

Title and Summary	<p><u>Wraparound Network</u></p> <p>Online event- network opportunities with other providers, online safety, recruitment and play matters.</p> <p>This new network is designed to support both experienced providers and those who are just beginning to explore the development of wraparound care within their settings. It is open to school-based and group-based providers alike, offering a collaborative space to share knowledge, build confidence, and navigate the journey of establishing or enhancing wraparound provision.</p>
Date	<p>Wednesday 8th July 2026 Time TBC</p>
Target Audience	<p>Practitioners working in Breakfast and Afterschool clubs, Group Based and School Based Providers, and Childminders</p>
Places Available	<p>50</p>
Venue	<p>Virtual via Microsoft Teams</p>
Delivered by	<p>Kate Campbell – Early years Quality and Inclusion/EYHUB team</p>