

Acorns Early Years Training Centre Newsletter

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“Growing Leaders, Growing Learners”

News

There are lots of challenges in the early years sector at the moment, particularly financial challenges. So this newsletter is sharing a number of free and low cost CPD options for you and your staff teams as well as useful websites to access. The DfE are currently providing a package of workforce training, qualifications, support and guidance for the early years sector to support staff and settings to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the youngest and most disadvantaged children. More information on this support can be found below and also by looking at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-education-recovery-programme>

Stronger Practice Hub

The Stronger Practice Hub programme was launched in Autumn 2022 to address the impact of COVID-19. The hubs are providing training and support on effective practice and developing local networks. The East of England Reachout Hub, led by The Barn Nursery School in Essex is the local hub for Hertfordshire. We were delighted to meet the team from The Barn recently to discuss how we can support them with delivering training and networks in Hertfordshire. Do follow the hub on social media and look at their website at:
www.thebarnnurseryschool.com



Experts and Mentors Programme

The Experts and Mentors Programme is also part of the DfE Covid recovery programme. Early Years Leaders have been trained as experts and mentors to provide support to settings. This free support is bespoke to the setting and might include staff training, coaching or whatever support your setting identifies. The application is short and easy to make and can be done following the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JRN9n7ivPa>

‘The support was hugely beneficial as it has enabled me to implement effective changes as well as provide support for my middle leaders which have all had a positive impact on the children’.

PDP Professional Development Programme

This is a mix of self-study learning and live online webinars. The content covers early communication and language, early mathematics and personal social and emotional development.

<https://www.earlyyearsdpdp.com/>

Useful Websites

The Froebel Trust

The Froebel Trust has lots of free resources to download, research articles to access and often provide free webinars. We have recently worked with them to produce a cookery film, based on the cookery curriculum at Ludwick Nursery. Follow the link below to view the film:

<https://www.froebel.org.uk/our-research/case-studies>



Early Childhood Hub

The Chartered College of Teaching has the Early Childhood Hub which hosts content by and for Early Years practitioners, with a focus on the pedagogy and practice of early childhood education. There are lots of great free articles and case studies.

<https://my.chartered.college/early-childhood-hub/>

Early Education

Early Education provide lots of training and up to date information about the sector on their website. Most counties have an early education branch, and the branches provide low cost CPD both online and face to face. The Hertfordshire branch hosts termly training.

<https://early-education.org.uk>

Social Media - follow us!



Early Years NPQEYL

The National Professional Qualification for Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL) launched in Autumn 2022 and we are pleased to be supporting Alban TSH in the delivery of this course. This is a great opportunity for early years leaders to access an NQP which is fully funded. The qualification is for leaders qualified to at least Level 3 with a full and relevant qualification who are, or are aspiring to be, managers of Private, Voluntary and Independent nurseries, head teachers of school-based or maintained nurseries, or childminders with leadership responsibilities.

Follow the link below to find out more.

<https://albantsh.co.uk/npq-qualifications/>

Acorns

At Acorns we provide a range of free and low cost training. As well as our planned CPD programme we can also offer bespoke support such as staff meetings, INSET days, or longer term school to school support.

Do keep an eye on our website at:

<http://www.ludwick.herts.sch.uk/acorns-ey-training/>



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