

# Adventures with Alice



Dynamic Training for Early Years

## Digital Gatherings

**Conversations with Early Years thinkers to inspire your practice**

Join our discussions which will excite, inspire and provoke your thinking! The sessions will allow you to gain insight into some of the most successful approaches to teaching and learning in the early years.

The Digital Gatherings will be structured in a way that allows you to observe, reflect and comment on the discussions taking place. Each session will centre around a relevant early year's topic, with speakers reacting to provocations and sharing their knowledge and experiences related to the topic at hand.

The sessions will last 1 hour 30 minutes each and you can watch the Gatherings live or if you can't attend at the times set, watch later for up to 3 days with the link provided from your ticket purchase.

## Pedagogy of Early Years - Thursday 21st January 10am

Pedagogy is about how we support the learning and development of our children. Having a considered and well thought out pedagogy improves the quality of interaction and teaching we offer. Our Pedagogy shapes the techniques and strategies we use to engage and inspire our children in their learning.

June and Anne have spent their whole careers shaping their pedagogical models of practice. During our session they will excite, inspire and provoke our thinking while offering insight into what they believe to be the most successful approaches to teaching and learning in the early years.



**Dr June O'Sullivan, MBE**  
Chief Executive - London  
Early Years Foundation



**Anne Paterson, OBE**  
Former Chief Education  
Officer

## Diverse and Different - Tuesday 23rd February 10am

In our amazing and diverse society all children should have equal opportunities for learning and enjoyment within a context that is meaningful and of value. Our play offer should encompass acceptance and respect for all. We should be building an environment of mutual respect for qualities and experiences that are different from our own. We should encourage understanding that everyone is unique, recognise and celebrate our individual differences in our playful interactions and embrace differences in race, culture, gender, disabilities, age, social, and economic backgrounds.

Laura and Marcus, our guests are eager to share their experiences, ideals and views on all aspects of diversity. They both have a passion for making a difference in this area and to opening our eyes and minds to what it could and should look like in early years.



**Laura Henry-Allain**  
Early Education Specialist  
and Author



**Marcus James**  
Head of Early Years at The  
WonderWorks

# Our hosts

Each of the sessions will be chaired by Moyra Boland with Alice Sharp acting as a catalyst sharer and conversation agitator...



**Moyra Boland** is Professor of Creative Pedagogy and Dean for Global Engagement at University of Glasgow.

Moyra is a passionate advocate of creativity and critical thinking as an integral part of Early Years Education.

**Alice Sharp** is the creator of internationally renowned early years courses and CEO of Adventures with Alice.



Alice continues to develop methods of training to inspire the best practice in early childhood.

Our hosts will be there to guide the sessions as well as keep the conversation flowing and daring to ask more challenging questions.

## We are Mathematicians! - Thursday 25th March 10am

Mathematics is all around us, in everything we do. From recognising faces to architecture, art, money, engineering, and even sports. Mathematics makes our life orderly and prevents chaos. It nurtures qualities such as reasoning, creativity, abstract or spatial thinking, critical thinking, problem-solving ability and even effective communication skills. It is an essential life skill.

Cath and Julie share with us their passion for mathematics, how it has been woven throughout their professional careers and how it has made an impact on how they share mathematics with children and teachers. Their practical ideas and solutions will be highlighted and encourage us to find ways of using maths every day in our play.



**Cath Chell**  
Director Learn Well  
Trading Ltd



**Julie Belair-Bak MPEd**  
Director ONP  
International

## The Imagination Nation - Tuesday 27th April 10am

Imagination is a powerful force and has helped to generate great ideas. Using our imagination makes us think in different and sometime unusual ways. This critical and creative thinking that grows from our imagination can help us find solutions and to solve problems. During imaginative play, children manipulate materials, express themselves verbally and non-verbally, plan (intentionally or unintentionally), act, interact, react to the world around them.

Pete and Michelle are both creative souls. Their work both with and away from children is inventive and innovative. Join them as they encourage us to become imagineers.



**Pete Moorhouse**  
Artist Educator, Sculptor  
and Author



**Michelle Larbey**  
Senior Advisor in  
Education and Author



## The Wonder of Words Thursday 27th May 10am

Words are powerful things. If we want our children to have a rich and varied vocabulary, we must surround them with words in meaningful contexts. Words are like keys, they allow us to unlock meaning, to understand new information and ideas.

They can be keys into marvellous new worlds where we will be amazed and astonished! When our children have a broad vocabulary, when they recognise, understand and begin to use words in conversations, in their play they can begin to construct and share their own ideas, thoughts, dreams and opinions. Research suggests that a strong vocabulary in childhood is linked to future success and happiness, both at school and in later life.

Michelle and Anni are not leaving this to chance. Between them they will highlight and stimulate our thinking, they will consider the tools they have used and suggest how we might use them in our own practice. Mostly we will all marvel together at the wonderful, magical world of words!

### **Anni McTavish**

Early Years Creative  
Arts Consultant and  
Author



### **Michelle Larbey**

Senior Advisor in  
Education and Author

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