

Leading Pedagogy in Early Years



Residential Conference over 4 days

A New and Unique Training Opportunity

This four-day conference will take the shape of an extended professional conversation, with all presenters' and delegates' full participation. Be one of 50 delegates who will explore a wide range of aspects around pedagogy for those working with children aged up to seven.

As with all our training the child is at the heart of everything we consider and share.

Our pedagogy is wrapped around the child like a warm and cosy blanket. This conference is all about the importance of a fully considered Pedagogical approach.

We will find ourselves sharing ideas around values and principles, our theoretical framework and the way learning and teaching takes place in our settings. We look at the individual child, the environment, the content and context and how our pedagogy makes an impact on the emotional, physical and mental wellbeing of our children.

The Dates

Monday 7th August to
Thursday 10th August 2023

Arrival on Monday 7th August between 4.00 and 5.30pm. The first welcome session will be from 5.30 – 7.00pm followed by dinner. The final gathering will be lunch on Thursday 10th August 2023. Everyone will leave by 3pm.

The Cost

Please note that places are limited, we only have space for 50 delegates to attend.

The cost is **£800** per person, plus vat.

This will include 3 nights accommodation (single room), bed, breakfast, lunch and dinners. All course content including handouts, a delegate bag with further training materials and resources.

We pride ourselves on creating innovative training to excite and ignite passion in all Early Childhood Professionals.

We have decided to take our multi-award winning approach and develop a residential "train the trainer" type model. This offers more time and opportunities to share best practices, to debate, deliberate and design new ideas and approaches.

The whole conference is aimed at those leading the pedagogy in a setting or in a team. For staff who are ambitious, always look to dig deeper, discuss more and share into the wee small hours!



Our New Idea...

Are you passionate about leading a child to learning?
 In charge of leading and shaping the play?
 Do you want to be a Pedagogy Provocateur?

Our main aim is to involve you in an exciting and transformational learning opportunity that gives you a quality training experience. The content will be up to date, informative and engaging.

You will be actively engaged in a fun, informative and memorable way. You will leave with more confidence, a vast array of ideas to engage your 'audience', to develop and lead, scaffold and inspire your staff. You will have more energy and enthusiasm for sharing learning in a wide variety of ways.

Note, this course will not be focused on practical play ideas but on the thoughts and thinking in scaffolding the play.



What you leave with...

You will leave this course with a 'tool box' fit for any learning situation. You will be a much more informed Early Years Professional, as well as having a broad range of new skills and engagement techniques that will allow you to support and inspire others.

Each delegate will leave with a range of power points, learning stories, workshop prompt cards, research papers, articles, environment and resource photo cards, learning and teaching postcards and a reading list. These can then be used to cascade to whole staff teams or to deliver training. Previous courses with similar content have been used to deliver up to 20 hours of training by past delegates.

Keynote Speakers:
Dr June O'Sullivan MBE
Pete Moorhouse
Dr Suzanne Zeedyk

Presenters include:
Alice Sharp
 (programme lead)
Professor Moyra Boland
Dr June O'Sullivan MBE
Anne Patterson OBE

The Shape of the Course (Provisional)

Monday 7th August				Arrival from 4pm	Warm Welcome!	Dinner 7.30pm
	Keynote	Workshops	Lunch	Workshops	Participation Session	Dinner
Tuesday 8th August	9.30-10.30am June O'Sullivan	10.30-12.30pm	12.30-1.30pm	1.30-3.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	7pm
Wednesday 9th August	9.30-10.30am Pete Moorhouse	10.30-12.30pm	12.30-1.30pm	1.30-3.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	7pm
Thursday 10th August	9.30-10.30am Suzanne Zeedyk	2nd Keynote 11.30-12.30pm Kevin Kelman	Workshop 12.30-1.30pm	Lunch 1.30-2.30pm (optional)	Time to leave for home 3pm	Home



Dr Suzanne Zeedyk

Suzanne is a research scientist fascinated by babies' innate capacity to communicate.

<https://suzannezeedyk.com>

<https://connectedbaby.net/about>



Alice Sharp

Early Years Imagineer, Creator of Adventures with Alice and Managing Director of Alice Sharp Ltd.



Pete Moorhouse

Pete is an artist educator and an early years creative consultant. He has over 25 years' experience of working in schools and is currently the artist educator at St Werburgh's Park Nursery School in Bristol.

<https://www.petemoorhouse.co.uk/education/>

<https://irresistible-learning.co.uk>



Professor Moyra Boland

Professor of Creative Pedagogy and Dean for Global Engagement, University of Glasgow.



June O'Sullivan MBE

Chief Executive – London Early Years Foundation.

As CEO and creator of the UK's leading childcare social enterprise, June continues to break new ground in the development of LEYF's scalable social business model.



Anne Patterson OBE

Anne has recently retired as Chief Education Officer in Argyll and Bute. She is now a freelance consultant.

Where this will take place...

We are delighted to have found Strathallan School in the very heart of Perthshire in Scotland.

Strathallan School is set in one of the most beautiful valleys in Scotland. Perthshire is famously known for producing Scotland's larder, big trees and rolling hills. The school was founded by Harry Riley, a teacher in 1913 and was moved to the 153 acre estate in Forgandenny in 1920. Harry Riley's philosophy for the school was to offer a "wide ranging curriculum of opportunities for all to excel".

The conference will take place throughout the school, making use of the facilities within the traditional buildings as well as most recent boarding accommodation at Glenbrae.

There are acres to explore, walks around the campus with benches to sit and take in the views, the space and the tranquility.

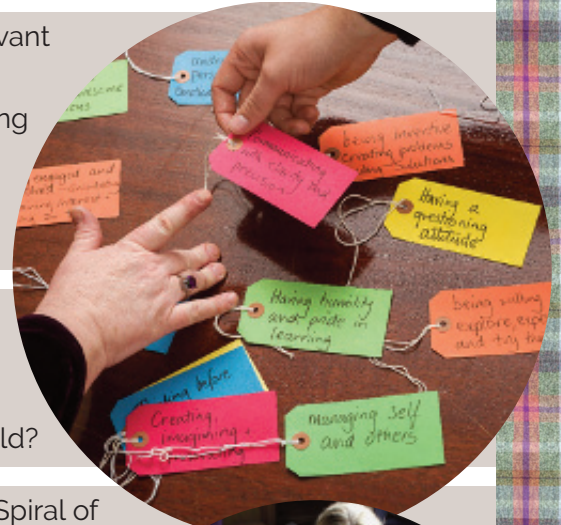
All delegates will have their own bedroom and although the bedrooms are not en-suite, there are ample toilets, showers and baths available for delegates. All meals and refreshments will be provided, all we ask is that you bring yourselves, your ambition for life-long learning and your passion to shape children's learning.



A flavour of the content...

Below are some of the ideas, thoughts and aspirations around which we will wander. Remember our focus will be on the thinking behind the play, as well as the play itself.

- How do we take all aspects of pedagogy and ensure they are relevant and 'fit' for the children of today. Exploration of the child; the base values and principles; theoretical frameworks; teaching and learning methods and engagement and involvement techniques; the environment and the emotional, mental and physical wellbeing of our children.
- Discussions around what is meant by Play Pedagogy in its widest sense. Why consider development? Learning and how do we inspire a team to scaffold it for each child? What could play look like in our setting, outdoors, and in the wider community of the child?
- We will consider Attachment led practice, the CID Approach, The Spiral of Discovery, Experiential Learning and Instinctive play and how it impacts on our pedagogical approach.
- Exploration around how we see Curiosity, Exploration, Courage, Experimentation, Imagination, Sociability and Thoughtfulness developing the play through creative and critical thinking.



- Immersion, Inquisitiveness, Investigation, Interaction, Imagination, Intuition, Intellect, Imitation through playful, sensitive interactions. Do we see these in the actions, emotions and words of our children?
- Two of the sessions will focus on the skills and techniques of sharing and cascading the learning to other team members. Each will support innovation, creativity and change.

We are so excited to welcome you to share in this experience.

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