



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning 29th January 2024

EYHUB Training

- Wednesday 31st January – Childminders Network
- Friday 2nd February, 9th February and 1st March - Portage Workshop
- Monday 5th February - Using Visuals in Early Years
- Tuesday 6th February - Early Phonics
- Thursday 8th February - Early Years Settings Safeguarding Lead Network
- 20th & 27th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March St Helens EY SENCO Training
- Wednesday 21st February, 13th March – Ofsted Preparation for Childminders
- Thursday 22nd February - Early Maths
- Thursday 22nd February Safeguarding Awareness
- Wednesday 28th February Schools Network Meeting
- Wednesday 6th March – Tales Toolkit Network Meeting
- Tuesday 19th March - Reception Class Moderation - Hub Day
- Monday 25th March Supporting Children with Emotional Wellbeing

Please see the training schedule for further details [Training - St Helens Borough Council](#)

If you have any questions, please email the EYHUB eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk

EYFSP new addition to the website

The Department for Education's [EYFS Profile communications page](#) on Foundation Years provides teachers with support to complete the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Profile. This will be updated regularly throughout the 2023/24 academic year. Each update will cover a new area of the EYFS Profile, focusing on topics the sector has asked for more information on.

[The most recent update](#) was published on the 10 of January. It provides information on exemptions from EYFS learning and development requirements, including key information from the [EYFS Profile 2024 handbook](#) and [EYFS guidance on exemptions](#).

The first update (published in November) focused on [completing the EYFS Profile for children with special educational needs and disabilities](#).

News from the St Helens Speech and Language Therapy Team

Please find attached the Flyer for the upcoming SLT Online Training Offer covering February → March 2024.

If you are interested in any of the training, then please e-mail your enquiry to mcn-tr.sthelens-slt@nhs.net

These courses are free to attend. Confirmations will be e-mailed out to you on the Friday prior to the training taking place.

Experts and Mentors Programme: sign up now for free support

The **Experts and Mentors programme** for group and school-based providers, and the Childminder Mentor Programme specific to Childminders, provides free support to practitioners and leaders to address the impact of the pandemic on children in their settings. The support focuses on helping children who need it most and to narrow the gap between disadvantaged children and others. This is part of the government's Early Years COVID-19 Recovery Programme.

Support is available in either Spring (January to March) or Summer (April to June) this year, please register your interest as soon as possible.

PVI nurseries and school based nurseries/pre-schools [can self-refer to get free support](#).

To secure a place please email: lidiawolos@sthelens.gov.uk

Early Years Alliance upcoming events

Shropshire Wildlife Trust - is it a risk?

Monday 5 February 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

In this engaging session led by Ellie Leach, senior education officer and safeguarding lead at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, we ask 'What is risk?', delve into our own feelings about risk and explore whether our perceptions based in fact or feeling and what that means for early childhood development?

Book your free place at bit.ly/FYNriskconnect



Information for all settings: Participate in Safer Internet Day 2024

[Safer Internet Day](#) on 6 February 2024 is centred around the theme 'Inspiring Change: Making a Difference, Managing Influence, and Navigating Change Online.'

Join the celebration alongside thousands of other organisations to advocate for the safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology among children and young people.

A variety of complimentary [educational resources are available](#), specifically designed to assist educators in conveying messages about the campaign theme of navigating change online.



Spaces are still available **on the Healthy Bladders & Bowels training 15th February, training is delivered online 9:30am - 1pm**

We are offering FREE online training - the short/refresher Healthy Bladders & Bowels training looks at how the bladder and bowel should work and what to do when things go wrong. It includes management of [constipation](#), [daytime wetting](#) and general continence.

The training will help support your practise when working with families. Children experience continence issues for a variety of reasons, it can have a long-lasting impact on a child's behaviour, mental health and wellbeing. Children can experience stigma and it can lead to a child missing school impacting on their learning and development. Continence can also impact on parents/carers particularly if they are already experiencing challenges such as financial worries, parental mental health or domestic abuse.

The training will help:-

- To develop understanding of promotion of healthy bladders and bowels in children
- To increase knowledge of up-to-date facts on childhood bowel and bladder problems
- To be clear about the importance of assessment and what tools are available
- To improve knowledge of the treatments available and when to use them
- To provide an understanding of the relevant NICE guidance
- To increase confidence in managing these conditions in the community
- To establish areas where further learning and/or experience is needed

If you would like to book a session please email earlyhelpadmin@sthelens.gov.uk to book your place.

Limited places are available!

Equality Act in the Early Years training for practitioners

Link to booking:

[Equality Act in the Early Years training for practitioners Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

About this event

This training is for Early Years practitioners in family hub local areas such as St Helens Council. The training session will;

1. Summarise how the disability duties in the Equality Act apply in the early years;
2. Consider how the definition of disability applies to young children;
3. Consider what the data tells us about patterns in access and inclusion for young disabled children.
4. Support early years practitioners to understand how the Equality Act applies to their daily practice.

For any enquiries, please contact eysend@ncb.org.uk.

Stop Suicide pledge

Just a reminder for anyone who hasn't taken the 4-point "I'd Ask The Question, Would You?" Stop Suicide pledge to please spare a little bit of time to do so below.

This pledge was developed with our community-led group and identified as realistic action that can be taken to potentially have a life-saving conversation.

Making the Stop Suicide Pledge is a personal commitment to prevent suicide by:

- Taking the free online training - which takes just 20 minutes and could save a life - offered by the Zero Suicide Alliance - <https://zerosuicidealliance.com/suicide-awareness-training>
- Downloading the Stay Alive app to help those who have experienced suicidal thoughts create a safety plan - <https://www.stayalive.app/>
- Changing the language we use when discussing suicide to be more compassionate and understanding, avoiding phrases like 'committed suicide'. For more guidance on this, visit www.suicidepreventionalliance.org/about-suicide/suicide-language/
- And taking the time to check in on three friends, family members, or colleagues, even when you don't think they need it.

Please make the pledge at www.sthelens.gov.uk/stopsuicidepledge.

THRIVE

St Helens Children and Young People
Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support Offer

NHS
Cheshire and Merseyside

THRIVE

- a Advice:** Signposting, self-management and one off contact.
- h Help:** Outcomes-focused, evidence informed, low-level intervention.
- S More Specialised Help:** Extensive treatment dealing with complex issues and behaviours.
- r Risk Support:** Risk management and crisis response.



[Thrive St Helens CYP \(canva.site\)](http://canva.site)

Early Years recruitment campaign

In February the DFE are launching the Early Years and Childcare recruitment campaign, as part of this they have linked with the DWP to provide a platform for you to post your current vacancies.

Please see attached document which includes a how to post a job instruction.



DWP Find a Job instructions

Follow the below steps to help you create an employer account and post your vacancies to Find a Job.

How to create an employer account

1. Go to [DWP Find a Job](#) and click the '[employers](#)' button, along the top.
2. Click '[create account](#)'.
3. Enter your email address and create a password.
4. Click 'create account'.
5. Click the link in your verification email – make sure to check your junk folder.
6. Fill in your company details, we recommend that you select '**Education**' as your company type.
To help with the verification process, include as much information as possible under the 'Additional company information' section, such as your website and Companies House registration details.
7. Click 'create company'.
8. Wait for DWP to approve your account. This usually takes one working day.

If any of these steps are unclear, visit [employer help and advice](#).

How to post a job

1. Go to [DWP Find a Job](#) and click the '[employers](#)' button, along the top.
2. Sign in to your account.
3. Select your company
4. Click 'post job'.
5. Fill in each box with the relevant job details. You should:

- Use the term '**Early Years**' in the job title.
- Select '**Education Jobs**' for the job category

6. Click 'post job', at the bottom of the page.

Your job vacancy will now be live for 30 days. To extend this period, you must re-post the vacancy. If these steps are unclear, visit [employer help and advice](#).

How to re-post a job

1. Go to [DWP Find a Job](#) and click the '[employers](#)' button, along the top.
2. Sign in to your account.
3. On the employer's dashboard, click 'edit' on the job you want to repost.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click 'create a copy'.
5. The page will then refresh.
6. Scroll to the bottom of the page again and click 'post job'.

You will then be redirected back to the employer's dashboard, and a copy of your job will appear in the list.

If you need help

If you experience any issues, [contact DWP](#) and select "I'm an employer and I need help posting my job adverts". They aim to respond within one working day.

The [Find a Job YouTube channel](#) also provides helpful video tutorials on how to post job adverts and manage your employer account.

PVI MS Teams Forum for private nurseries and childminders:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a296c4d2f7039446a9e0aa281bd40e55a%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=4f2a06e5-0991-4575-be27-b6cc16d97f34&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>

Schools MS Teams Forum

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a2589ee5f1bd043fdbb67bec3cd7d3b1c%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=9e33e316-91dc-4469-94d4-36a4da88746a&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>