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# Unlocking Children's Potential:

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Early Years Conference 2019

# Gain Knowledge & Feel Inspired



## Benefits

- Explore the importance of the arts and their impact on children's achievements
- Gain a renewed commitment to the arts and their role in creating an effective curriculum
- Gain inspiration to help you expand your curriculum and new ideas for practice



## Early Excellence Annual Conference

### Unlocking Children's Potential: Embracing the Power of Creativity

#### Audience

Senior Leaders, EYFS Coordinators and Practitioners working with children 3-6yrs

Join us for the Early Excellence Annual Conference as we explore the power of creativity in Early Years, in all its many guises. We will be delving into all aspects of the arts and finding out how a curriculum rich in these experiences can ignite imaginations and fuel powerful learning.

The day is packed with influential speakers who will inspire and inform our practice including **Baroness Floella Benjamin, Minister for Children**, who is a well-known actress, presenter, writer, award-winning independent producer, politician and an active advocate for the well-being, care and education of children throughout the world.

**Pete Moorhouse** and **Anni McTavish**, both leading educationalists and passionate advocates of the arts, will share their work and inspire us with many practical examples of developing a rich art curriculum in Early Years and beyond – and **Emma-Jo Bairstow** will draw the Conference to a close with practical examples of her work in schools.

As Pablo Picasso said 'Every child is an artist' and deserves the opportunity for their creativity to flourish as they grow – and this day will be packed with energy, information and inspiration to help you achieve this.

## Explore the Programme

**Morning welcome and introductions** 9.30am  
Nikki Walters (North and Midlands), Phil Armstrong (London)  
Heads of Regional Development, Early Excellence

**First Keynote** 9.45am  
**The Creative Childhood:  
Embracing Creativity in Early  
Years Education**

Baroness Floella Benjamin, OBE DL

From making their first mark on paper, to creating their own music – young children are filled with a passion to create! Baroness Benjamin, a dedicated ambassador of the arts and children's rights, will draw on her diverse and rich career to challenge, inform and inspire the Conference; setting the context for how we help young children embrace creativity in all its many manifestations and whatever their different experiences.

**Refreshment break** 11.15am

**Second Keynote** 11.35am  
**The Creative Mind:  
Nurturing Children's Creativity &  
Thinking**

Pete Moorhouse, Early Years Creative Consultant

Pete Moorhouse is internationally recognised for his commitment to creativity in children and adults. He joins the Conference to emphasise the importance of creativity as a fundamental skill that impacts on all areas of learning and on young children's long term outcomes to become resourceful and resilient adults.

**Lunch** 12.45pm

**Looking Closely at Practice** 1.45pm  
**The Creative Classroom:  
Putting Principles into Practice**

Anni McTavish, Early Years Creative Arts Consultant

Drawing the day back into the classroom, Anni will share with us practical examples of inspirational creative projects she has undertaken with schools across the country. She will demonstrate how practitioners have successfully used creativity as the catalyst for their teaching and the powerful impact this has had on the children's learning.

**Comfort break** 2.45pm

**Developing Expertise** 3.00pm  
**The Creative Teacher:  
Developing Your Own Expertise**

Emma-Jo Bairstow, Art Teaching Consultant

Concluding our Conference Emma-Jo will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to reflect on our ability to plan and teach art in the classroom. Her aim is for everyone to feel as passionate as she does about art and more confident about introducing art to young children!

**Closing Statements** 3.45pm  
Nikki Walters (North and Midlands), Phil Armstrong (London)  
Heads of Regional Development, Early Excellence



Select your Venue

**Early Excellence  
Northern Centre**  
Huddersfield  
Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th  
November  
9.30am – 3.45pm

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Birmingham  
Tuesday 26th November  
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**Venue TBC**  
London  
Wednesday 27th November  
9.30am – 3.45pm



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# Keynote Speaker Profiles



**Baroness Floella Benjamin,  
OBE DL**

As well as being a well-loved children's television presenter of old, Baroness Floella Benjamin, Minister for Children, represents in the House of Lords, issues that affect children, diversity, media and equality.

She has many significant achievements to her name having become a highly-successful actress, presenter, writer, award-winning independent

producer, politician and an active advocate for the well-being, care and education of children throughout the world.

Floella join us to share her creative work and perspective of the importance of the arts, which has been recognised with an OBE, a Special BAFTA Award and the JM Barrie Award for lasting contribution to children's arts.



**Pete Moorhouse, Early Years  
Creative Consultant**

Pete is a creative consultant and artist educator specialising in Early Years. Inspired by Froebelian principles and practice in Reggio Emilia, his work centres around developing children's creativity in school – with woodwork a specialist area. He delivers training both nationally and overseas and is an honorary research fellow of the University of Bristol, researching creative and critical thinking in Early Years.



**Anni McTavish, Early Years  
Creative Arts Consultant**

Through her successful school career, Anni has developed a real passion for creative arts in education. She holds a particular interest in supporting young children's emotional health, resilience and well-being through art and has written numerous articles and books. Her recent publication, *Expressive Arts and Design in the Early Years* (2019), is published by Routledge and will be available at the Conference.



**Emma-Jo Bairstow, Art  
Teaching Consultant**

Emma is a highly-talented art consultant who helps to raise expectations and the standard of art teaching and learning in school. After graduating from Wimbledon College of Art, she worked with the Inspire Partnership of Schools teaching art from Early Years through to Y6. Emma now works in schools across the country delivering CPD and school-based projects, helping teachers to feel passionate about art and build the confidence to teach it.



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"It is rare to attend a conference where every speaker hooks my attention in such a meaningful way. A big well done to the team who put this together – it really was one of the best conferences I have ever attended!"

### Tracey Dinnage

Assistant Head  
Burnt Ash Primary School



"Another amazing conference – roll on next years. Didn't think last years could be topped but the speakers today were fantastic!"

### Carly Rowe

EYFS Coordinator  
St Mary's RC Primary School



"The choice of speakers was inspiring, relevant and were experts in their fields. It was a real privilege to hear them sharing their expertise and knowledge. Thank you so much!"

### Jo Mould

Deputy Head  
Robert Wilkinson  
Primary Academy



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