

# Join Our National Conference 2017

Early Childhood Education in  
the 21st Century: The Challenges  
of Growing Up in a Different World



## Gain from Research & Feel Inspired

# Early Childhood Education in the 21st Century: The Challenges of Growing Up in a Different World

### Audience

Senior Leaders, EYFS Consultants, EYFS/KS1 Leaders and Managers, practitioners working with young children (Birth-7yrs)



### Dr. Sam Wass

Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, University of East London

Dr. Sam Wass is a Developmental Psychologist lecturing at the University of East London, where he researches stress and attention during early development, particularly in infants from low socio-economic status backgrounds. He is a member of the baby-LINClab at Cambridge University, where he is investigating attention and learning and is also involved with a number of projects looking at the effectiveness of attention training in infants in London, Finland, the US and Canada.

At a time of rapid change, it is imperative that as educators we understand how childhood is changing and the specific challenges and opportunities for children growing up today.

Featuring Dr. Sam Wass from the Channel 4 series 'The Secret Lives of 4, 5 and 6 Year Olds' and with inputs from early years specialists, the conference will help us to explore pedagogical solutions to modern day issues.

Drawing on his research and involvement in scientific projects, Sam will present an evidence-led input addressing key questions including:

- What impact is technology and urbanisation having on early childhood?
- What are the different factors causing and alleviating stress in children of today?
- Why do children respond differently to situations and why do they behave the way they do?

This will bring the diverse narratives of 21st century childhood to the surface to inform our thinking, enabling us to explore the impact and implications for everyday classroom practice.

# Explore the Programme & Book Your Place



## Select Your Venue:

### Northern Centre

Huddersfield  
– Wednesday 29th Nov  
– Thursday 30th Nov

### London Centre

London, Canada Water  
– Tuesday 21st Nov  
– Wednesday 22nd Nov

### Time

9.30am – 3.30pm

### Price:

£200.00 (exc.VAT)  
per delegate

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## Welcome & Introductions

9.30am

Lynda Trueman – Head of National Development

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## Morning Keynote

9.45am

Dr. Sam Wass – Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, University of East London

Building on the scientific evidence and cultural understanding of what it is to be a child today, Sam will provide a cultural and scientific context for Early Childhood Educational practice. He will focus on the key aspects that impact on long term development and outcomes - and will define the appropriate environments that facilitate this by striking the right balance of control, empowerment, autonomy and agency; understanding children's behaviours and how best to support them.

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## Lunch

12.15pm

Time to relax, enjoy a buffet lunch, look around the interactive environment and shop for books and resources.

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## Afternoon Keynotes

1.15pm

Jan Dubiel – Head of Strategic Development, Early Excellence

Building on the challenges raised throughout the morning, Jan will help us to explore the implications of current research and cultural contexts for Early Childhood teachers, practitioners, managers and leaders. Acknowledging the challenges that this presents, he will explore the concept of how a 'Responsible and Appropriate Pedagogy' in ECE will provide the framework which empowers educators and provides the most significant outcomes for children.

Jude Twani – Regional Development Manager, Early Excellence

2.15pm

Drawing the day back into the classroom, Jude will present practical examples of inspirational pedagogy and how practitioners in the EYFS and KS1 have reflected on, developed and transformed their practice. This will demonstrate how sustained, well-supported and self-motivated professionals ensure that their practice and provision meets the needs of all learners and enables good outcomes in all aspects of their development.

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## Closing Remarks

3.15pm

Liz Marsden – Early Excellence Founder & CEO



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