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Inspirational Learning

Feel more  
confident about  
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the EYFS

# Unlocking Children's Potential:

Embracing the  
Power of Creativity



Understand  
how the Arts  
support children's  
learning

Gain  
inspirational  
ideas to expand  
your Art  
curriculum

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Early Years Conference 2019

# Gain Knowledge & Feel Inspired

## Early Excellence Annual Conference Unlocking Children's Potential: Embracing the Power of Creativity

### Audience

Senior Leaders, EYFS Co-ordinators 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, OBE DL**, 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.

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### 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



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## Explore the Programme

### Welcome and introductions 9.30am

Nikki Walters (North and Midlands),  
Phil Armstrong (London and South)  
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 it to young children!

### Closing Statements 3.45pm

Nikki Walters (North and Midlands),  
Phil Armstrong (London and South)  
Heads of Regional Development,  
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## Select your Venue

**Huddersfield**  
Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th  
November  
9.30am – 3.45pm

**London**  
Tuesday 26th November  
9.30am – 3.45pm

**Birmingham**  
Wednesday 27th November  
9.30am – 3.45pm

## Further Information

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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, OBE DL, 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 joins 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.



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## 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 and expertise for Creative Arts in education. She holds a particular interest in supporting young children's emotional health, resilience and well-being through Art and leads a wide range of projects in schools to support this area of development.



## 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  
London



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

### **Carly Rowe**

EYFS Co-ordinator  
St Mary's RC Primary School  
Middlesbrough



"The choice of speakers was inspiring, relevant and they 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  
York



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