



Children, Young People,  
Education and Skills



Childcare and Early Years' Service

Training Directory – Spring 2025

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## Introduction

This Training Directory is a comprehensive guide to the Early Years and Childhood training offered by the Government of Jersey teams and associated colleagues. Included in this document are details to those courses and links to external training providers.

These Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities are provided to support quality development and maintaining compliance with Statutory Requirements. We hope that by bringing the offer together, it will assist your planning for staff development and fulfil your requirements as a registered provider.

## Icons

Any **mandatory** training will be identified with the Mandatory icon.



## Bookings & Cancellation

\*Please contact [ceys@gov.je](mailto:ceys@gov.je) if no other information provided under each course.

Please let us know if you are unable to attend the training, so that we can offer your place to someone else.

Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

### Network Meetings

**For practitioners working with children.**

\*No booking required but apologies are appreciated

### 3-5 years EYFS Network briefing

Target Audience	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025
<b>Managers, Pre-school Team Leaders and school EYFS Leads</b> - Julie McAllister	Meeting Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 3.30-5pm (Teams Online) invite sent	Date and Venue TBC	

### Early Years - private sector meetings

Target Audience	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025
<b>Early Years Network Managers –</b> Members of CEYS Team	2nd termly face-to-face meeting Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 11 - 12.30 pm, Edu Committee room	3rd termly face-to-face meeting Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 11 – 12.30 pm, Edu Committee room	

### Headteachers Briefings

\*No booking required but apologies are appreciated.

Target Audience	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
<b>Primary Headteachers</b>	Spring Newsletter	

### Cluster Meetings (Moderation)

These meetings aim to support practitioners with Quality Development and Moderation

\*No booking required but apologies are appreciated.

Target Audience	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Pre-School Practitioners, Reception & Nursery Teachers - Eastern Cluster	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 16.00 to 17.00 D'Auvergne School	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 16.00 to 17.00 Venue St Michael's School
Pre-School Practitioners, Reception & Nursery Teachers - Western Cluster	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 16.00 to 17.00 Mont Nicolle School	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 16.00 to 17.00 La Moye School

### Transition Meeting for Nursery and Preschool moving to Reception

Target Audience	June 2025
Early Years Practitioners in private settings and schools	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 - 3.30 pm – 5 pm - Plat Douet Primary School  This is opportunity to discuss all children moving from Nursery into Reception <b><i>Please note that it is important that all schools and settings send a representative</i></b>

### NEW to EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)

**Target audience: teachers and practitioners who are new to teaching in the EYFS.**

This training involves a commitment of 1 introductory session, 2 and a half days training, 2 setting/school visits and the completion of a mini project, to be presented and celebrated at the final session.

- Preparing teachers and practitioners for the EYFS – interactions, building relationships and creating an enabling environment.
- Sharing Pre-reading and documentation that will support the transition and settling in process.
- Introducing the EYFS Framework – the guiding principles, the characteristics of effective learning and the areas of learning.

**Day 1 – Completed September 2024**

**Day 2 – Wednesday 22nd January 2025, 9-3.30pm – PDC Room A**

- School/setting Visit (Visits confirmed via email)

- the importance of effective interactions and the role of the adult.
- quality observations that support an emerging curriculum and monitor progress – the Observation, Assessment and Planning cycle.
- A short introduction to schemas
- Visits to your own school from either Julie or Claire to be arranged

#### **Presentation and Celebration – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1-3.30pm – PDC Room A**

- Opportunity to present your mini project.

#### **Unlock Creativity with Clay (for childminders only) – Course Lead Claire Steel**

Join us for an engaging training session on the importance of clay exploration in the Early Years. Discover how clay can enhance sensory experiences, support fine motor skills, and foster creativity in young children. This hands-on workshop will provide practical tips and innovative ideas to integrate clay activities into your curriculum, both at home, outdoors, and at playgroups. Don't miss this opportunity to enrich your teaching toolkit and inspire your children's imaginations.

This session will be viable once there are 10 delegates confirmed.

Clay provided but please bring an apron. Further details and resources to bring will be sent closer to the date.

Details are: PDC ground floor Room A

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

6.15 arrive for prompt 6.30 start 8pm finish

Due to the popularity of this course, we will look at running it again in the Summer Term.

Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

#### **Best Practice for promoting Communication & Language with practitioners working in Baby and Toddler room**

With our ongoing focus on Communication and Language we would love to invite any practitioners working in Baby and Toddler rooms to this short session where we will share some key messages that support best practice in this area of learning.

This will include:

- Using Communication and Language effectively with children through everyday routines
- Guidance to support children's learning and development whilst underpinning their emerging literacy

- Engaging with parents to encourage use of home languages to strengthen and support children's language proficiency

Details are: Committee Room Education Building

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

17.30pm start 18.30pm finish

Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

### Wellcomm Training

#### Spring term:

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6-8pm Committee Room Education Building
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 6-8pm Committee Room Education Building

#### Summer term:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 4.30-6.30pm Committee Room Education Building
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 4.30-6.30pm Committee Room Education Building

WellComm is a comprehensive training package offered by the Speech and Language Therapy department and CEYS.

You will need to enrol and attend BOTH evening sessions and bring your WellComm packs.

#### Session 1 will cover an introduction to WellComm:

- Why we need a language screening tool
- What is WellComm and why we use it?
- How to screen a child?
- Recording and analysing results

#### Session 2 will cover:

- How to use the Big Book of ideas?
- Introducing Time to Talk Groups

- Weaving WellComm into everyday practice

Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

### **Making it REAL - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 9.30 till 12.30**

Making it REAL is an evidence based (tried and tested) programme focussed on Raising Early Achievement in Literacy. It works for all young children by making literacy meaningful and giving parents confidence to engage in fun, low/no cost activities to support their children's learning. By attending this training you will gain knowledge and understanding of the four strands of early literacy and an under-pinning framework that supports planning and evaluation. You will find out about how REAL works through literacy events and have the opportunity to take part in a project with grant funding of £200 for resources and staffing.

Please contact Kate Elston at the Jersey Child Care Trust (01534 629901) or [kate@jcct.org.je](mailto:kate@jcct.org.je) to book and find out more....

<https://MakingitREAL31March.eventbrite.co.uk>

### **Up and Coming Conference and training for 2025, in England, for your information**

[Early Excellence | Inspiring Leaders Conference 2025](#) - Explore the vital role of leadership in early childhood education at this inspirational conference that draws on national and international research. Hear from inspiring leaders from across the country who will offer a choice of workshops that celebrate best practice. Multiple venues, 25.2.25 Gatwick and 1.4.25 Exeter closest options to Jersey.

[Early Words Matter conference: Their story starts with you | National Literacy Trust](#) 19.3.25, London, The Early Words Matter Conference will provide an opportunity to explore the latest research and thought leadership in this space, and celebrate the incredible work that you do. Speakers include Greg Bottrill, Jan Dubiel and Dr Stella Louis.

[Julie Fisher Seminar | Early Excellence](#) – 3.4.25 online, Interacting or Interfering? A Seminar with Professor Julie Fisher

Every day, early years practitioners engage in interactions with young children that have the potential to enhance their learning. This full-day online seminar will examine the knowledge, timing and sensitivity necessary to interact effectively and, as a consequence, build important relationships and enhance children's well-being and motivation to communicate.

[The HFL Education Disadvantage Conference | HFL Education](#) – Tuesday 28.1.25 online, School: A place where I belong, aims to help you in creating a climate of inclusion where all students, and particularly disadvantaged and underserved learners, love and thrive at school. Most session recordings will be available until the end of the academic year.



[Celebrating 10 Years of A Better Start Tickets, Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#) This FREE online event will showcase the remarkable achievements and success stories from different communities, illustrating how innovative approaches, co-produced with local parents and carers, have improved outcomes and influenced the wider early years landscape.

[Continuing professional development - Early Education](#)

[EYFS, KS1 & Leadership CPD Programme - Early Excellence](#)

### Highly recommended Early Excellence free podcasts

**Over 70 podcasts all relating to effective early years practice.**

The Early Excellence Podcast is a free weekly podcast designed to give EYFS & KS1 educators interesting ideas and insights about early childhood education. Listen to tips on best practice, resourcing your environment and up to date news, reviews, and interviews at a time to suit you.

[Early Years and KS1 Curriculum Podcast | Early Excellence](#)

Includes:

- 2. The Classroom Environment: Setting up your new classroom
- 11. Building on Children's interests in the EYFS
- 29. A guide to SEND in the Early Years
- 48. Helicopter Stories in Action: an interview with Trisha Lee
- 52. Is it time to move away from the tuff spot tray?
- 56. The Vital importance of Self-Regulation: Interview with Dr. Mine Conkbayir

### Safeguarding & Child Protection

This mandatory training only needs to be attended once, then followed up with annual updates.

#### Online training via Virtual College:

Please register your NEW staff on the link below and our Virtual College administrator, Alison Lewis, [a.lewis2@gov.je](mailto:a.lewis2@gov.je) will assign logon and modules to individuals: <https://survey.gov.je/s/SafeCEYS/>

**Target audience: new practitioners working in registered settings.**

The course gives an insight into what safeguarding is and how to recognise the different areas of abuse that children and young people may be at risk from. The course also covers how to manage a disclosure, and where and who to go, if you suspect a child or young person is being abused.

## Face-to-face session

**Target audience:** registered childminders

Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

### Jersey's Children First - Right Help Right Time

All of the Jersey's Children First training has been updated to reflect the statutory guidance supporting the Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022. Even if you have completed Jersey's Children First training previously, it is recommended that you complete one of the updated online learning programmes to understand how the Jersey's Children First framework supports you to work with the statutory guidance.

There are 2 online learning programmes:

- introduction
- essentials

Select the course that is right for you dependent on your role. You only need to complete one of them.

Once you have completed your online learning, there are 3 face-to-face courses available.

A set of four online training modules and 3 toolkits have also been developed to explain key areas of the statutory guidance that supports the Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022. They explain how to carry out duties and responsibilities under the law.

Information about the Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022 is available here. Details of the statutory guidance training resources are provided below.

For more details and a training matrix according to your role, please see further details on our page below:

[Guidance and training for Jersey's Children First \(gov.je\)](#)

### Introduction to Playwork

The aim of this training is to increase the knowledge and understanding of “what play is” and how to support it.

#### **Objectives:**

- Understanding play
- Putting theory into practice within your role
- Knowledge and understanding of Play theories
- Explore the Play cycle and its “mechanics”
- How to manage behaviour (positive interactions) appropriately and consistently
- Knowing yourself as a practitioner

- Knowing your role in Health and Safety

**Date and Time:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 9 am – 4.30 pm,

**Venue:** PDC room A

**Target audience:** Existing unqualified staff or practitioners new to working with children in a play-based setting.

**Course leader:** Vicki Howe-Haysom

**Enrolment Form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

Please provide me with the **name and email address** of the staff you would like to book onto this course. The course can only accommodate **15 participants** maximum.

### Early Years Inclusion Team – AET (Autism Education Trust)

To learn about autism and gain practical knowledge and discover hands-on tools and techniques to support children with social communication needs and autism in your setting.

#### Who is this training for?

This is a module for practitioners who work directly with children with social communication needs and those with a diagnosis of autism in early years settings (Reception and below), and it provides guidance on processes and tools that can help practitioners to implement good autism practice.

**Date:** TBC

**Venue:** TBC

**Enrolment:** [SENDSERVICE@gov.je](mailto:SENDSERVICE@gov.je)

### Understanding and developing play opportunities for children with Autism ( 2 hours)

This session is intended to equip practitioners with an understanding of the importance of play in the Early Years Foundation Stage and how the Three Areas of Difference in autism can impact on play skills. The module also considers how person-centered planning and making reasonable adjustments can enable autistic children to develop their play skills.

**Date:** TBC

**Venue:** TBC

**Enrolment Form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

### Toileting with children with autism (90 minutes)

This module is intended to develop understanding of how autism can impact on toileting. It also aims to equip practitioners with strategies to enable and support autistic children to develop their toileting in the setting and at home, through effective communication with parents and carers.

Date: TBC  
Venue: TBC  
Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

### MAYBO - Positive and safer approaches to behaviour (7 hours)

This course will help develop understanding of young children's needs and behaviours by exploring functions of behaviour, positive behavioural support, and safer de-escalation. This MAYBO licensed course is available to practitioners working within a government nursery. Details of each participant will be required at time of booking for certification purposes.

#### **Date and Time: Future Training TBC**

Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uxGPv6iaem>

### Training via JCCT (Jersey Child Care Trust)

#### Makaton

The Jersey Child Care Trust is delighted to offer free Level One Makaton training to all those working with young children and families. Makaton is language programme using speech, signs and symbols that helps with teaching communication, language, and literacy skills.

**Places are limited, so please make sure you can attend before booking on.** This level one course is **8 hours long** and will take place at Pips Place in St Helier. We will be adding more dates for 2024 soon, including Level Two courses. Follow us on Eventbrite to receive notifications:

You can book on upcoming sessions using the following links <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/jersey-child-care-trust-39437160133>

#### MAYBO

#### Positive and safer approaches to behaviour

This course will help develop understanding of young children's needs and behaviours by exploring functions of behaviour, positive behavioural support, and safer de-escalation. This MAYBO licensed course is available to practitioners working within a registered setting. The course is split into three modules each taking 3 hours to complete. Details of each participant will be required at time of booking for certification purposes.

Please see the links below for the various courses currently available:

#### **For those working in registered Early Years settings:**

**Date and Time:** Future Training TBC

#### **For those working in school aged care - after school clubs, holiday clubs, activity clubs:**

**Date and Time:** Future Training TBC

## Useful Links

Mandatory and Quality Development training available through other agencies:

Care College – First aid and Health and Safety Training <a href="http://hello@carecollege.ie">http://hello@carecollege.ie</a>	
First Response <a href="http://www.firstresponsejersey.com/">http://www.firstresponsejersey.com/</a>	
Jersey Child Care Trust <a href="https://www.jcct.org.je/">https://www.jcct.org.je/</a>	
Jersey Safeguarding Partnership Board <a href="https://safeguarding.je/">https://safeguarding.je/</a>	
Le Mourier Swim School <a href="http://lemourier.co.uk/save/">http://lemourier.co.uk/save/</a>	
Enjoy2train <a href="http://www.enjoy2train.je/">http://www.enjoy2train.je/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/enjoy2train/?ref=bookmarks">https://www.facebook.com/enjoy2train/?ref=bookmarks</a>	
NSPCC Learning <a href="https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/">https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/</a>	
Research in Practice <a href="https://www.rip.org.uk/">https://www.rip.org.uk/</a>	
St John's Ambulance <a href="http://www.stjohnambulancejersey.com">http://www.stjohnambulancejersey.com</a>	
Napa Medical <a href="https://www.napa.je/">https://www.napa.je/</a>	