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S16: Pre-prep and Early Years Conference

Date Thursday 13 – Friday 14 March 2025
Venue Leicester Marriott Hotel, LE19 1SW
Cost IAPS members - £595
non-IAPS members - £695

The annual IAPS pre-prep and early years conference provides a stimulating CPD opportunity for pre-prep and early years leaders around the country. Pre-prep and early years heads enjoy meeting and sharing best practice over a concentrated two-day schedule.

This year the Pre-Prep and Early Years Conference will be focusing on the human side of education. With the world changing at an unprecedented pace, instead of focusing on those aspects of education that are changing (and that we must of course keep up with!) our conference theme has found inspiration from the most important, most human, and ultimately irreplicable compassionate side of education; pastoral care, emotional regulation, building resilience, supporting mental health, building connections, inclusion, equity, and of course, fun. We hope for our colleagues to go away feeling not only empowered and inspired but also with a sense of affirmation for the incredible role that they take in shaping the young, compassionate minds of tomorrow.

The themes will be presented in a range of talks and seminars, providing delegates with the choice to tailor the programme to their needs and interests. Accommodation for the Thursday night is included as well as all meals and after-dinner entertainment at the end of the first day. This is a great chance to develop knowledge, gain practical insights to take back to your setting and to network with other pre-prep and early years practitioners.

Audience Pre-prep heads, early years and KS1 leaders
Course Director **Rebecca Perdrix**, Head of Pre-Prep, Wells Cathedral Preparatory School
Gill Smeeton, Head of Pre-Prep, Warwick Preparatory School
Katherine Bluck, Head of Professional Development, IAPS
Presenter(s) **Jen Foster**, Education Consultant, Good Morning Ms. Foster
Alicia Drummond, Education Consultant, The Wellbeing Hub at Teen Tips
Liz Pemberton, Education Consultant, The Black Nursery Manager
Katie Paynter, Early Years Specialist, IAPS
Shonette Bason, Education Consultant, Spread the Happiness
James Garside, Partner, VWV Law Firm
Ali Stone and Michelle Larkin, EYFS Consultancy, We Are Little Wonders
Maggie Baker, Education Consultant, Unique Health Nutrition
Richard Shorter, Education Consultant, The Non-perfect Dad
Clare Willets, Education Consultant, Not Only Pink and Blue



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Thursday 13 March 2025	
0900	Registration, refreshments and exhibition
1000	First time attendee's welcome: To meet Pre-prep and early years group (PPEYG)
1030	Conference welcome – <i>Rebecca Perdrix and Gill Smeeton</i>
1040	Connection over Correction – <i>Jen Foster</i>
1140	Refreshments and exhibition
1220	Building Emotional Regulation for Whole School Wellbeing – <i>Alicia Drummond</i>
1320	Lunch and exhibition
1430	The Importance of Creating Cultural Safety in the EYFS – <i>Liz Pemberton</i>
1530	Refreshments and exhibition
1600	District meetings
1900	Drinks reception
1930	Conference dinner After-dinner entertainment



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Friday 14 March 2025	
0800	Check out
0830	Refreshments and exhibition
0900	ISI Inspections through an EYFS Lens - Your Questions Answered: Q&A session - <i>Katie Paynter</i>
0930	Seminar sessions 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiring Movement in the Early Years - <i>Shonette Bason</i> • SEND : Unpacking the Law and Best Practice - <i>James Garside</i> • The Wonder of Creativity - <i>Ali Stone and Michelle Larkin</i> • Understanding the Link Between Nutrition and Children's Behaviour, Mood, and Concentration - <i>Maggie Baker</i> • Parental Relationships in Pre-Prep and EYFS Settings - <i>Richard Shorter</i> • Dismantling Gender Stereotypes in the EYFS and KS1 Classroom - <i>Clare Willets</i>
1030	Refreshments and exhibition
1110	Seminar sessions 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigating EYFS Regulatory Compliance and Insights into the new 2024 and 2025 Statutory Frameworks - <i>Katie Paynter</i> • SEND : Unpacking the Law and Best Practice - <i>James Garside</i> • The Wonder of Creativity - <i>Ali Stone and Michelle Larkin</i> • Understanding the Link Between Nutrition and Children's Behaviour, Mood, and Concentration - <i>Maggie Baker</i> • Parental Relationships in Pre-Prep and EYFS Settings - <i>Richard Shorter</i> • Dismantling Gender Stereotypes in the EYFS and KS1 Classroom - <i>Clare Willets</i>
1210	Lunch and exhibition
1310	Seminar sessions 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mastering EYFS Assessment while Meeting ISI Inspection Demands - <i>Katie Paynter</i> • SEND : Unpacking the Law and Best Practice - <i>James Garside</i> • The Wonder of Creativity - <i>Ali Stone and Michelle Larkin</i> • Understanding the Link Between Nutrition and Children's Behaviour, Mood, and Concentration - <i>Maggie Baker</i> • Parental Relationships in Pre-Prep and EYFS Settings - <i>Richard Shorter</i> • Dismantling Gender Stereotypes in the EYFS and KS1 Classroom - <i>Clare Willets</i>
1410	Movement Moves Data : The Importance of Movement (and fun) in the EYFS - <i>Shonette Bason</i>
1510	Closing Remarks – <i>Rebecca Perdrix and Gill Smeeton</i>
1530	Departure



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