



# **913 Pre-Prep and Early Years Conference 2019**

**For Pre-Prep Heads, Early Years and Key Stage One Leaders**

**Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwickshire**

**Thursday 7 – Friday 8 March 2019**

## **Where it all starts...**

In a rapidly changing world, is the education offering in schools preparing children for a fulfilled and successful life?

This conference, 'Where it all starts...' will allow Pre-prep leaders an opportunity to hear visionary educationalists who will challenge our thinking about all aspects of our education ethos and our schools in which we lead. The conference will reaffirm the importance of quality Early Years and Pre-prep provision in a child's educational journey. 'Where it all starts...' will provide leaders with an opportunity to network with colleagues and return to school enthused and inspired to lead our schools effectively ensuring that the children have the very best start in life.

We look forward to seeing you at Chesford Grange.

**Phil Hardy and Annie McNeile**  
**Conference Directors**

## The Venue



The Conference will be held at the Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LD <https://www.qhotels.co.uk/our-locations/chesford-grange/> with all accommodation in the conference hotel.

Conference fee includes sessions, refreshments and lunches, Conference dinner and one night's accommodation on Thursday 7 March.

***Cost to attend:***

Member schools: £560

Non-member schools: £660

Early arrival: there is an option online to book an extra night's accommodation on Wednesday 6 March at a rate of £125 (Bed and Breakfast including VAT).

**To register for the conference please book online at**

<https://iaps.uk/courses/detail/1367/>

# Programme

## Thursday 7 March

0900	Registration, refreshments and exhibition (Includes: First time attendees welcome and opportunity to meet the Pre-Prep Advisory Group (PPAG) and Area Representatives @ 1000)
1020	Welcome – Phil Hardy and Annie McNeile, Conference Directors
1030	The Magic Weaving Business - Teaching in the 21st Century – <i>Sir John Jones, Author and Educational Consultant</i>
1130	Refreshments and exhibition
12.10	Subversive Teaching, Education Undercover - <i>Alistair Bryce - Clegg, Educational Consultant, ABC Does Ltd</i>
13.10	Lunch and exhibition
1410	How Technology will change life, travel, work and education - <i>Rohit Talwar, CEO, Fast Future</i>
1510	Work of IAPS and Pre-Prep Advisory Group – <i>Mark Brotherton, Director of Education, IAPS</i>
1540	Refreshments and exhibition
1620	Area meetings
1900 for 1930	Drinks Reception and Conference Dinner followed by after-dinner entertainment

## Friday 8 March

0830	Morning coffee and exhibition
0900	How to utilise technology to transform teaching and learning across the curriculum – <i>Lee Parkinson, ICT with Mr P</i>
1000	Coffee and exhibition
1030	Seminar Session 1 A) Inspections – <i>Diane Gardiner, ISI Consultancy</i> B) Autism in Early Years – <i>Dee Nic Sitric, Autism Consultant and Trainer</i> C) Working smarter not harder – <i>Lee Parkinson, ICTwith Mr P</i> D) Engage, Excite, Energise! - <i>Billy Hickling, The Trash Bang! Man</i> E) Creating environments that fire the imagination and stretch children to think and question and talk - lots of talk! – <i>Dr Debra Kidd, Author and Consultant</i>
1125	Coffee and exhibition
1200	Seminar Session 2 (as Seminar Session 1)
1255	Move rooms
1305	Whose needs are we meeting – Keeping the Faith – <i>Dr Debra Kidd, Author and Consultant</i>
1405	Farewell
1410	Lunch and depart

## Keynote Sessions

### **The Magic Weaving Business - Teaching in the 21st Century: Sir John Jones, Author and Educational Consultant**

Research suggests that 80% of the jobs primary school children will do have not been invented yet so we are preparing our young people for a world that doesn't exist. To thrive in this world, we will all need creativity, ingenuity, portability and flexibility. The best way to develop such abilities in our children is to surround them with adults who possess the same abilities - Teachers of great imagination who are passionately committed to the relentless pursuit of excellence.

### **Subversive Teaching, Education Undercover: Alistair Bryce – Clegg, Educational Consultant, ABC Does Ltd**

Our Early Years settings should be the best place to learn and achieve. There is huge potential to really engage children in their learning through quality play experiences in a stimulating environment. All too often this potential is squeezed out of Early Years by a belief that a 'formal' approach to teaching is the only way to get results.

A wealth of experience tells me that this isn't the case. A well-planned environment that underpins quality play experiences is a guaranteed recipe for success. Play is the best vehicle for engaging children in their learning. Subversive teaching has play at its centre – it is education undercover!

### **How Technology will change life, travel, work and education: Rohit Talwar, CEO, Fast Future**

This fast-paced session will explore the changes shaping the future over the next decade and beyond and the critical role that technologies such as AI might play as they evolve. Rohit will highlight the challenges faced by educators as we try to prepare our pupils for an unknowable future. He will focus in particular on the bold actions we need to be pursuing today to ensure that these advances are harnessed in service of humanity and the capabilities required to deliver on the ideas presented in his latest book on "A Very Human Future".

### **How to utilise technology to transform teaching and learning across the curriculum: Lee Parkinson, ICT with Mr P**

This session will cover why technology plays such an important part in our lives and how teachers should embrace technology not fear it. The session will demonstrate the correct approach to take when implementing technology and how this can have a huge impact on learning right across the curriculum. With specific links to the new literacy curriculum, demonstrations will show how, when utilised correctly, technology can not only engage but enhance English through different apps and ideas.

### **Whose needs are we meeting – Keeping the faith: Dr Debra Kidd, Author and Consultant**

This session will explore the competition between school/parent/policy/child to refocus us on what we know about children, how they develop and how they learn - to look at the research and to keep faith in a play based, child centred, multi-sensory, speech rich environment.

## Seminar Sessions

**Seminar Session 1: 10.30 – 11.25**

**Seminar Session 2: 12.00 – 12.55**

### **A) Inspections – Diane Gardiner, ISI Consultancy**

A highly experienced ISI Reporting Inspector and EYFS specialist will help delegates learn how to prepare for an inspection and how to prepare their staff, so they know what to expect. The session will show delegates the current documentation that they will be required to use and how to use it effectively. During the session, they will learn how they can sell their setting and show the inspectors what they want to see; as well as understanding what the inspectors will be writing down, for example positive aspects. At the end, delegates will have the opportunity to clarify specific areas with the course leader.

### **B) Autism in Early Years - Deidre Nic Sitric, Autism Consultant and Trainer**

Do you want to improve your knowledge and increase your understanding of autism? This introduction to Autism in the EY will give you a better understanding and awareness of autism and the way it affects children in your setting.

All participants will be able to:

- Identify key areas of difference that need to be taken into account when working with children on the autism spectrum.
- Know the importance of understanding the individual child on the autism spectrum and their profile of strengths and weaknesses.
- Identify the key areas to help children on the autism spectrum build positive relationships with staff and their peers.
- Know that many children on the autism spectrum can be unusually sensitive to everyday sights, sounds, touch, tastes and smells. This can affect their learning and emotional state.

### **C) Working smarter not harder – Lee Parkinson, ICT with Mr P**

This session will share tools and ideas to reduce workload. Show how to make your life as a teacher easier, whilst raising standards in the classroom.

### **D) Engage, Excite, Energise! - Billy Hickling, The Trash Bang! Man**

Connect your class with an award-winning TrashBang! music workshop. Billy is a veteran performer with the international hit percussion show STOMP and he knows that music can be made from anything, by anyone. Bodies, broomsticks, buckets and beaters are drummed into service for an interactive journey into 'found sound'. Using the universal language of rhythm, Billy will show you how to quickly turn a disparate group into a co-dependent music machine.

TrashBang! Workshops have been well proven in schools, promoting positive play, creativity and active collaboration. Get to grips with the fundamental building blocks of music in this action packed, accessible and fun session.

### **E) Creating environments that fire the imagination and stretch children to think and question and talk - lots of talk! – Dr Debra Kidd, Author and Consultant**

Exploring the use of imagination to develop vocabulary and how to use stories to encourage deep thinking, develop a sense of resilience and problem solving. This will be a practical and playful session with plenty of fun.