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R17: Pre-prep and Early Years Conference – Looking ahead with courage and confidence

Date Thursday 14 – Friday 15 March 2024
Venue Leonardo Hinckley Island, Watling Street, Hinckley, LE10 3JA
Cost IAPS members - £595
non-IAPS members - £695
Accommodation for Wednesday 13 March - £110

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 few days. Each year our delegates find the programme to be varied, relevant, challenging and refreshing. You will receive updates about current pre-prep issues; spend time in discussion with colleagues; hear from high quality speakers and take back to school a range of ideas, resource suggestions and fresh perspectives. There will also be opportunities to visit the exhibition to consider products and services that could benefit your school.

Audience Pre-prep heads, early years and KS1 leaders
Course Director Caroline Oglethorpe, Head Westbourne House School
Rebecca Perdix, Head Wells Cathedral Preparatory School
Presenter(s) Diana Osagie, Courageous Leadership
Sarah Carey, School Improvement Lead Early Excellence
Professor Carla Rinaldi, President of the Fondazione Reggio Children
Professor Dr Ger Graus OBE, Global Education Adviser
Katie Paynter, Head of EYFS and Pre-Prep Lochinver House School
Jenny Parkinson-Mills, Director of Digitally Enabled Learning Warwick Schools Foundation
Ali Stone & Michelle Larkin, We are little wonders
Clare King, Curriculum Consultant and EYFS/KS1 Trainer Early Excellence
Dr Helen Lyndon, Centre for Research in Early Childhood
James Garside, Partner VWV Law Firm



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Thursday 14 March 2024	
0900	Registration, refreshments and exhibition
1000	First time attendee's welcome: To meet Pre-prep and early years group (PPEYG)
1030	Conference welcome – <i>Caroline Oglethorpe and Rebecca Perdix</i>
1040	The Leadership of Equity – <i>Diana Osagie</i>
1140	Refreshments and exhibition
1220	Building on Secure Foundations: Successfully Continuing the Learning Journey from Early Years into Key Stage One – <i>Sarah Carey</i>
1320	Lunch and exhibition
1430	AI in the Pre-Prep and Early Years: how to use it safely and effectively to enhance teaching and learning – <i>Jenny Parkinson-Mills</i>
1530	Refreshments and exhibition
1600	District meetings
1900	Drinks reception
1930	Conference dinner (After Dinner Entertainment)



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Friday 15 March 2024	
0800	Check out
0830	Refreshments and exhibition
0900	In Dialogue with Reggio Emilia – <i>Professor Carla Rinaldi and Prof Dr Ger Graus OBE</i>
1010	Seminar sessions 1
	1/A Making Learning Visible – <i>Prof Dr Ger Graus OBE and Prof Carla Rinaldi</i>
	2/B ISI Framework 23 through an EYFS Lens – <i>Katie Paynter</i>
	3/C The wonder of loose parts and open-ended play – <i>We are little wonders</i>
	4/D SEND - unpacking the law and best practice – <i>James Garside</i>
	5/E Mastering difficult conversations – <i>Diana Osagie</i>
	6/F Partners in Play, Partners in Learning: Strengthening the Adult Role in the Learning Environment – <i>Clare King</i>
1100	Refreshments and exhibition
1140	Seminar sessions 2 (Repeat of seminar sessions 1)
1240	Exploring connections in the early years: building firm foundations for the future - <i>Dr Helen Lyndon</i>
1340	Closing remarks – <i>Mark Brotherton</i> Followed by Lunch and depart

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