



Celebrating

Early Years

Friday 15th February 2019

9.00am—3.00pm

Tyne and Wear Fire Station, Nissan Way, Sunderland

£65 per delegate

Places are limited

This conference will provide the opportunity for teachers and leaders to fully explore Foundation stage, and its impact on outcomes throughout the school .

Drawing on a wide range of research and practical examples, Ruth will challenge delegates thinking about best practice and give them the opportunity to reflect on their current provision.

We will explore the characteristics of effective learning and discuss how they can be used as a tool to support learning and teaching in EYFS and beyond.

This promises to be a thought provoking day for EYFS specialists and novices alike.

Session 1 – Building foundations, the importance and impact of EYFS

Session 2 – “I think it’s good but....” How to identify best practice in Early Years for middle and senior leaders

Session 3 – Transition, transition, transition

Session 4 – Characteristics of effective learning

Ruth Swailes



Ruth has over 25 years' experience in primary education, over 20 of them in senior leadership roles including primary headship.

Ruth has worked as a School Improvement Advisor, Ofsted inspector, Early Years consultant and moderator in several Local

Authorities; supporting leaders and teachers to improve outcomes for pupils. Passionate about primary education, particularly early years, Ruth has taught from Nursery to Year 6.

Ruth currently fulfils a range of different school and early years improvement roles including working part time as a School Improvement Advisor to 20 Local Authority schools. Throughout her time as a Local Authority Advisor, she has a proven track record of improving schools and helping to secure good and outstanding Ofsted outcomes in the schools in which she works, this role also involves supporting governing bodies with strategic leadership.

Ruth also works with a range of MATS, Teaching Schools Alliances, Academy and LA schools throughout the UK providing training, school improvement advice, appraisal, coaching, mentoring and practical advice and support.

In addition Ruth is also national senior leadership consultant with Early Excellence and is a founder member of the EYFS grass roots movement "Firm Foundations". She is also currently studying for an MA in Education with the Centre for Research in Early Childhood.

"Ruth is an authority on Early Years education and child development.

But more than this, she's an authority who can communicate her knowledge with humour, humanity and humility. She is able to bring together ideals and practical knowledge of systems to help teachers to understand how a healthy, challenging and stimulating early years environment can work. Her experience, as a teacher, leader and inspector means she understands, better than most, how practice can be embedded in effective ways while maintaining integrity and keeping the child at the centre of everything we do."

Dr Debra Kidd – Author "Becoming Mobious"

"Ruth is a delightful speaker who exudes passion and empathy for the needs of children in their first years in a setting, and I would not hesitate to recommend seeking her expertise to update and inform for all involved in the Early Years."

Ros Wilson –
Author "Big Write"

"People like Ruth are a rare find - passionate, dynamic and with a wealth of school leadership experience, Ruth is unafraid of posing challenge whilst at same time being supportive towards positive change. She has gift of providing effective guidance to improve Early Years practice and provision, and training sessions with Ruth always enable reflection and improvements in quality and outcomes for children."

Greg Bottrill – Author "Can I go and Play Now?"



Agenda

- 9.00am Registration and Networking
- 9.30am Session 1 – Building foundations, the importance and impact of EYFS
- 10.30am Break
- 10.45am Session 2 – “I think it’s good but....”
How to identify best practice in EY for middle and senior leaders
- 12.00pm Lunch and Networking
- 12.45pm Session 3 – Transition, transition, transition
- 1.45pm Session 4 – Characteristics of effective learning
- 3.00pm Close

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