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# Early Years Wales

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Winter training planner  
2024

# Introduction

**Welcome to our Early Years Wales Winter 2024 planner.**

The aim of this planner is to enhance the development and education of the Early Years workforce in Wales by providing high quality training opportunities. We hope this planner provides an opportunity to support both Early Years educators and settings to be the best they can be.

We strive to deliver a range of highly effective, quality training, to ensure every child can develop, learn, achieve, and excel. Additional opportunities will be added throughout the year in response to feedback or driven by our members.

All our training, and professional development courses are bookable online at:

**<https://www.earlyyears.wales/en/training-planner>**

If you are a new user, please register first at:

**<https://www.earlyyears.wales/en/membership>**

# Safeguarding

A photograph of three young children sitting together, looking down at something they are playing with. The child on the left is a young boy with light hair, wearing a white shirt. The child in the middle is a young girl with long brown hair and bangs, wearing a brown sweater. The child on the right is a young boy with dark hair, wearing a light blue sweater. They are all looking intently at something in front of them, which is out of focus. The background is a bright, slightly blurred indoor setting.

All our safeguarding courses are in line with the new categories outlined in the Standards and once completed each participant will receive a certificate with the category and topics covered listed.

Further changes made to the National Minimum Standards will be reflected as required with a top up session. This top up session will be free of charge to those who have attended training of any of the safeguarding categories.

**JOIN WAITING LIST**

**Safeguarding – Category C**  
Online -  
**COURSE NOW FULL**

**This is an advanced level and learners will need to have completed categories A&B or previous safeguarding training.**

**Audience:**

Childcare managers; Childminders; Designated safeguarding person (DSP); Responsible Individuals (RIs)

**Aim:**

The aim of this **advanced** level session is to familiarise participants with what happens and ensure they are able to take part in each of the safeguarding stages after a safeguarding report has been made.

**Course Outline:**

- Initial Decision
- Strategy Discussion
- Section 47 Enquiries
- Child Protection Conference
- Child protection Plan / Child protection Register.
- De-registration
- Child Practice Review (Single Unified Review)
- Professional Challenge - Able to escalate and act where there are ongoing concerns about harm, abuse or neglect, or where concerns have not been addressed after reporting.
- Well-being and signposting

**The NMS requirement is that this training provides 12 hours of taught learning time. Sessions are broken up into two blocks and reflection and completion of the workbook is provided in between sessions. Both sessions need to be attended to be compliant.**

**Session Date:**

**Day 1:** Tuesday 26th March  
9:30am-4:30pm

**Day 2:** Tuesday 9th April  
9:30am-4:30pm

**Cost:**

£45.00 members / £90.00 non-members

**Delivered by New Pathways**

**BOOK ONLINE**

**Safeguarding - Following a  
Report  
Online**

**Course Overview:**

This course is aimed at DSPs, Managers, Senior Staff (anyone who will be expected to participate in the Safeguarding process following a report). The aim of this course is to ensure participants understand the stages of the safeguarding process following report, their potential roles, and responsibilities in each stage, and where to find further guidance and information.

**Session Date:**

Thursday 22nd February  
(5pm-6pm)

**Cost:**

£20.00 members / £30.00 non-members

**Delivered by New Pathways**

So much change occurs between 18 months – 3-years of age. Why not join us for a series of webinars\* that explore the world of play and what it looks like in practice for a young child between the ages of 18 months - 3 years with **Nia Beynon**.

*\*These can be standalone webinars.*



**BOOK ONLINE**

**Session 1:**  
**Play's the Essence -**  
***How movement and play build young brains***  
Online

Have you ever thought about the incredible wiring that takes place in a young child's brain? What is the role that experiences, and the environment play in creating good foundations?

We will be examining the importance of incorporating active play and providing the ideal opportunities to enhance a toddler's brain development.

**Session Date:**

Monday 4th March  
6pm-7:30pm

**Cost:**

£20.00 members / £35.00 non-members

[BOOK ONLINE](#)

**Session 2:**  
**Play's the Essence -**  
***It's a process!***  
Online

This is the **second** in a series of three sessions that explores the world of play for a young child between the ages of 18 months - 3 years.

Join us for an insight into the fascinating process of play. We'll be investigating new thinking and how to avoid looking at play as merely a product! Your role as a Playful Practitioner is crucial, and the session will focus on providing you with inspiration in play. We will be considering how to introduce simple, low-cost, resources to promote the great factor!

Children participating in play will be shared - you will be encouraged to consider the 'Why?' element and to think about what kind of activities can be beneficial for brain development.

**Session Date:**

Monday 11th March  
6pm-7:30pm

**Cost:**

£20.00 members / £35.00 non-members

[BOOK ONLINE](#)

**Session 3:**  
**Play's the Essence -**  
***Enriching a space to play***  
Online

This is the **final** in a series of three sessions that explores the world of play for a young child between the ages of 18 months -3 years.

We will be focusing on the environments that provide the basis of our good practice and why our roles are so important within these environments.

A chance to learn that when we create a space to play, we are creating an environment that stimulates learning and activates areas of the brain. The richer the environment, the richer the child's experience! Taking a special moment to explore, through a window into the architecture of the young brain. We will be considering how research and neuroimaging can help us understand what is happening inside the brain when a child is involved in play.

We will share some recent developments! And reflect on our practice, to influence our development.

**Session Date:**

Monday 18th March  
6pm-7:30pm

**Cost:**

£20.00 members / £35.00 non-members



**BOOK ONLINE**

**Loving the language! Feeling empowered to use Welsh and other languages**  
Online

**Audience:**

Welsh learners, Childcare workforce, Nursery workers, nannies, and childminder assistants; Nursery managers, Childminders

**Course Overview:**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to speak more than one language? Research tells us that we have a window of opportunity in the early years to introduce another language with ease to children and, this changes their brains in a positive way forever!

In this training session, we'll be looking at the benefits of bilingualism (and more!) and if introduced at an early stage, how this can change children's lives forever.

You'll be introduced to an inspiring selection of new songs, stories and Welsh words that you can try out in a safe environment, ready for your return to the setting to practice with the children!

**Session Date:**

Thursday 14th March  
6:30pm-8pm

**Cost:**

£20.00 members / £40.00 non-members

# Online Learning Opportunities

Early Years Wales in conjunction with Alice Sharp Ltd are offering a unique training package designed to use as team training at your convivence. The package includes four masterclasses. These can be purchased for the special price of £80. That's less than £30 per webinar. Once purchased these can be accessed to suit you and your team over the 4-month window.

## **Audience:**

Anyone working with babies, toddlers and our youngest children.

### **Session 1: Under 1s**

Enriching play for under 1s. Every baby's learning journey is unique, so how do we identify strategies to ensure every baby feels like they are being listened to, considered and celebrated.

### **Session 2: 0-2 years**

Babbling with babies and talking with toddlers. Delegates will explore simple conversation, talking for instructions, talking thoughts and complex conversation skills. To build skills in dialogic reading and pole-bridging.

### **Session 3: 0-2 years**

Planning and responding to under three's play. The aim of this session is to understand playfulness and how to reflect and respond to every child's engagement.

### **Session 4: 2 years**

It's marvellous to be two. To understand and support the thinking and theory around every child's innate talents, the environment and experiences they are exposed to.



# An Introduction to Anti-racist Practice in Childcare and Playwork

Working in partnership with DARPL, Early Years Wales will be leading a three-part series of anti-racism training: **An Introduction to Anti-racist Practice in Childcare and Playwork.**

These sessions are taking place on **Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st March 1pm - 3pm.**

The booking link for these sessions will be shared soon and the sessions are fully-funded by DARPL.

# Lunch and Learns

Our Lunch and Learns will return after Easter due to term time holidays and we look forward to sharing our themes in our summer planner.



Early Years Wales reserve the right to cancel a course if it is not viable to run. This brochure was accurate at time of publication however, sometimes dates/venues are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information and to book your place on any of our courses, please visit our [\*\*Training Planner\*\*](#).

Our courses have limited places available and to ensure all members can benefit from this offer, delegates who fail to attend will be charged a **non-refundable £5 booking fee**. We value the training we provide and ask that you provide 48 hours' cancellation notice. All cancellations made outside of this will be charged the booking and course fee if applicable.

Book onto any of our courses by scanning the QR code below:



Please contact [\*\*training@earlyyears.wales\*\*](mailto:training@earlyyears.wales) if you would like to book a bespoke course for your organisation.



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