

The Herts for Learning Annual Early Years Conference

Our Passion, Their Future.

Placing Children at the Heart of the Early Years Curriculum

Thursday 30th January 2020, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Hertfordshire Development Centre, Stevenage

This conference will focus on the importance of inspiring young children to become lifelong learners by ensuring they are provided with a curriculum that places them at core of teaching and learning. It is a must for teachers and Early Years practitioners working with children aged 3-5 years in Nursery and Reception classes.

Keynote Overview

Phil Minns, Ofsted Specialist Adviser for Early Education, will provide a keynote on 'lessons so far' since the launch of the new education inspection framework with a focus on early reading.

Neil Farmer, International Educational Consultant supporting schools and settings, will be speaking about the purpose of what we do in Early Years and why. A clear intent informed by stakeholders that drives the tangible quality of well sequenced learning and development.



Billy Hickling (right), a veteran performer with the international hit percussion show STOMP will engage the audience in the award winning TrashBang music endnote. Delegates will embark on an exciting, fun and interactive journey into 'found sound' creating music using everyday available resources.



Delegates will be able to attend engaging, thought provoking and practical workshops throughout the day that will provide the opportunity for further reflection. These will focus on:

- language development and phonic acquisition
- deepening learning in maths
- children's emotional security and positive attitudes to learning

Phil Minns - Her Majesty's Inspector

Phil trained as an Early Years specialist and started teaching Reception in Birmingham. He was a headteacher for 14 years, leading schools out of special measures and developing schools to become outstanding.

Phil was awarded National Leader of Education status and first became one of Her Majesty's School Inspectors following a year-long secondment to Ofsted. Phil has also been an assistant director of children's services and the CEO of a multi-academy. While working in the local authority, Phil had oversight of Early Years, school improvement and provision for pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.



Neil Farmer - Independent Schools Adviser

Neil is an independent schools adviser working with leadership teams and governors across the country. He is a school improvement specialist with the Brent School Partnership, a lead consultant with the Kite and Griffin Academy Trusts and was previously head of Early Years in Croydon, Waltham Forest and Surrey. He is also a director of a multi-academy trust in Croydon.

Neil's passions lie with how children learn and insuring routines and environments meet the needs of young learners, he views Early Years up until at least seven years of age. Neil has a number of projects running with schools on enshrining Early Year's excellence in subsequent year groups, the impact on attainment, wellbeing and achievement have been remarkable.

Neil's current work centres on the intent and implementation of curriculums making certain they are fit for purpose, add value and, develop the whole child.

Neil leads at regional and national conferences and his humorous delivery puts the child at the centre of provision and practice.

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Billy Hickling

Billy Hickling will show you how to make music from your household rubbish...

"Music can be made from anything. I have been showing people how to do this from Brazil to Hawaii, Moscow to Manila and believe me, rhythm is a universal language that's great fun to learn whether you are five or ninety-five..."

As a professional STOMP performer and rehearsal director since 1999, Billy has been blessed to traverse the globe many times over with this incredible show. Highlights include performing at the London Olympics 2012 closing ceremony and recent TV appearances on Blue Peter and Live at The London Palladium.

Since becoming a father and returning from the road in 2010, Billy has channeled his experiences into educating, facilitating and sharing the natural ability of people to come together in rhythm. He has a proven track record in schools, colleges and disability arts.

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Cost: **£185** (Early bird offer of £155 available until Thursday 31st October 2019)

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