

3rd National Men in Early Years Conference

Tuesday 10th July 2018 9.00 - 4.00

City Hall, Bristol

#MITEY18

Welcome to Bristol!

Thank you for joining us for the 3rd National Men in Early Years Conference with our focus on *Gender in the early Years: Ideas into Action*.

Since the start of the network, we have sought to create a space for discussion around gender in Early Years. We have looked at how we can address the workforce imbalance, how we tackle harmful stereotypes and what can be done to raise the status of the profession.



More recently, we have taken our message out to schools, training providers as well as delivering workshops at the first and second National Men in Early Years Conferences, organized by David Wright of Paint Pots Nursery in Southampton and the Bradford Men in the Early Years Network, respectively.

We are honoured to have the opportunity to contribute towards such an important subject in a pivotal moment in time. As such, we have worked hard to put together a conference that links theory to practice - putting *ideas into action*.

This brings us onto the quality and relevance of our keynote speakers: Lord Robert Winston, Lucy Crehan and Graham Andre as our keynote speakers. Graham is involved in hands-on gender-neutral teaching practice; Lucy has had direct experience in the differing ways Early Years and teaching is approached and valued in different cultures and L.R. Winston frames early years with the respect and importance it deserves through the lens of research.

Not only that, but we have also curated a talented group of individuals to deliver our workshops. We tried to encompass a range of experiences and strands of thought under the common denominator of challenging the notion of gender and its effects on society, with an eye on how we can utilise this within our practice. It is vital that the educational sector connects with gender-based campaigns: addressing issues such as toys, books and clothes as well as standing alongside policy changes advocating for LGBT+ rights. Having practitioners, campaigners, academics under one roof provides a great platform for change.

Bristol has recently been chosen to be an UNESCO Learning City and at the core of this achievement is the belief that learning can change lives. It is with this ambition that we approach the conference today. We thank Bristol Learning Cities, our partners in the conference for their support.

We hope that you all make the most of the day and take home as many ideas and practical tools as possible to inform your future work.

Best Wishes

Jay, Shaddai, Marco and Craig (pictured left to right)

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Programme

09.00 - 10.00 Registration and coffee

City Hall Foyer

Stalls, videos and networking

10.00 - 11.00 Welcome and keynote speaker: Graham Andre

Conference Hall

Welcome notes by:

Jason Vit, National Literacy Trust

Cleo Lake, Lord Mayor of Bristol

Sally Jaeckle, Head of BCC Early Years Services

11.05 - 12.00 Workshop 1

Allocated Rooms

12.00 - 13.00 Buffet Lunch

City Hall Foyer

Stalls and networking

13.00 - 13.40 Keynote speaker: Lucy Crehan

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13.45- 14.40 Workshop 2

Allocated Rooms

14.40 - 15.00 Coffee Break

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15.00 - 15.40 Keynote speaker: Robert Winston

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15.40 - 16.00 Feedback and closing remarks

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Closing remarks by: Jason Vit, National Literacy Trust

Jo Warin, Centre for Social Justice and Wellbeing in Education

David Wright on Gender Diversity Task Force

Shaddai Tembo, Bristol Men In Early Years Network

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Stalls



Ceeda. About Early Years - Independent Early Years research agency

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Fatherhood Institute - Policy work, research and practice to give 'a great dad to every child'



Bristol Zero Tolerance - Local campaign against gender-based abuse, violence, harassment and exploitation.

Pete Moorhouse - Artist and trainer for Early Years who works internationally and in Bristol challenging stereotypes and promoting equality through the media of art and the learning environment



The British Association for Early Childhood Education

Early Education. The British Association for Early Childhood Education is a National Charity supporting teachers and practitioners

The Bristol Standard - The Bristol Standard Quality Improvement Framework supports Early Years' settings in continuously improving the quality of their practice



Jessica Kingsley Publishers
books that make a difference

Jessica Kingsley Publishers - Early Years specialized publishers with titles about PSED, play-based learning, SEN, and gender diversity

Persona Doll Training - Promoting equality and inclusion and encouraging children to respond to others with respect, empathy and sensitivity



Gen Neu - Online store that sources toys in neutral colours and packaging, as well as stories that reflect the diversity of the world we actually live in

Interviews with the keynote speakers and some of the workshop leaders, as well as other parts of the event, will be documented by Siren Films



Workshops



Jo Warin - Making the most of a mixed gender workforce to challenge children's gender stereotypes.

Finn Mackay - Freeing Children From Gender Constraints



Deborah Price - Gender Diversity and Sexuality. Practical ideas to enhance practice in early years.

Simon Brownhill - How Do You Solve A Problem Like Attracting, Recruiting, Retaining and Developing Men In The Early Years?



David Wright - Pride and Prejudice: Parental Perspectives on Gender Roles in Early Years

Olivia Dickinson - How practitioners can challenge gender stereotypes in early years settings, and why it matters for both boys and girls



Nicky Oram - Perspectives from recent trainees on the EY Teacher training programme

Natalie Bennett - Parenting and teaching towards gender euphoria: an intersectional & trans inclusive approach



Michael Conroy - The Man-Box: How it harms, hinders & privileges boys & men and impacts on the women & girls who share our lives

Ben Hine - The Importance of the Early Years: Exploring the Impact of Gender Socialisation on Boy's Career Choices and Aspirations



Chris Hemmings - Plugging the empathy gap – how male involvement in young children's lives promotes healthy masculinity