

# Pathways



## Thoughts of the Day...

*"I knew I would enjoy the conference, but it has given me much more confidence to talk to Ofsted and the LA LLP about why our EYFS looks as it does and the aims and ethos underpinning the practice."*

*"It made me feel excited to get back to an Early Years setting and reminded me of why I enjoy my job."*

*"One of the most inspiring and REAL training I've been on. Hilariously relatable. Could have listened to you all day and really didn't want the day to end. Thank you."*

## Excellence in Early Years Conference

*"I had such a great day at the Isle of Wight Early Years Conference. Even the fire alarm didn't stop us championing all things Early Years. Thank you for making me so welcome." - Alistair Bryce Clegg at ABC Does.*

On Wednesday November 7th 2018, Alistair Bryce-Clegg came across the water to enthral and treat Island Early Years practitioners with his Excellence in Early Years Conference and how the theory translates into effective everyday practice. He shared his belief that the Early Years setting should be the best place to learn and achieve. Through humour, anecdotes and real-life examples, he showed the potential we have to really engage children in their learning through quality play and experiences in a stimulating environment. He talked us through how a well planned environment underpins quality play experiences that, when delivered by skilful practitioners, is a guaranteed recipe for success. There were many tried and tested strategies that he shared to help us achieve this goal.

It was very clear that the concept of continuous provision is so important to the child's learning and it's the enhancements that bring theme and interests to life. Alistair shared with us how to link the environment with ongoing assessment and to show that children are making progress within their play.

The feedback from those attending was very positive as many laughed their way through the day, but left with renewed enthusiasm and excitement for developing the very best early years provision. It allowed us time to reflect and to plan what we would put in place on our return to school and to strengthen our own knowledge of the key elements of the Early Years environment inside and outside and why we should be championing quality play in Early Years and through into Key Stage One.

You can visit Alistair's website [abcdoes.com](http://abcdoes.com) for more information and ideas. We are already planning next year's Early Years Conference with Keeping Early Years Unique, scheduled for Friday 18th October 2019.

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[Early Years Conference with Alistair Bryce-Clegg](#)

*"Very informative and engaging."*

## Key Dates

6th December 2018  
LSA Network Meeting  
Follow Up Session

16th January 2019  
NQT Spring Conference

17th January 2019  
Headspace -Tea and  
Cakes for Heads

18th October 2019  
Early Years Conference

## LSA Network Meeting

*Getting together and  
sharing practice*

## NQTs and ITT

*Pathway to Teaching*

*"Ask not what your  
Island can do for you,  
but what you can do for  
your Island."*

