

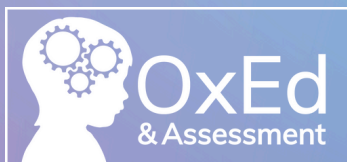
# OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



**EYFS CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, 8th March 2025**

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**08:00 - 08:30** Registration, Exhibition and Networking

**08:30 - 08:45** Opening Remarks  
[Debra Forsyth](#), CEO, BSME  
[Aminah Evans](#), Assistant Head of Primary - Culture of Community, Hartland International School  
[Gemma Watson](#), Senior Assistant Principal, GEMS Founders School Dubai

**08:45 - 09:30** Session One | Keynote One: Let's Start at the very Beginning - The Joy of Early Years  
[Helen Tate](#), International Early Years Consultant, Helen Tate Consultancy

**09:30 - 10:15** Session Two: Workshops  
 Please select one of the following sessions to attend

Workshop One: Explore Maths - Unleashing the Potential  
[Helen Tate](#), International Early Years Consultant, Helen Tate Consultancy **ROOM 1**

Workshop Two: Relational Practice in Early Years  
[Nadine Davis](#), Deputy Headteacher, Dubai British Foundation **ROOM 2**

Workshop Three: Strengthening Foundations: Cultivating Character Strength in Early Years  
[Sarah Curran](#), Head of Wellbeing, Dubai English Speaking School **ROOM 3**

Workshop Four: Creating Developmentally Informed Pedagogy, Practice, Provision and People  
[Dr. Sue Allingham](#), Independent Early Years Consultant, Early Years Out of the Box **ROOM 4**

**10:15 - 10:45** Morning Break: Exhibition and Networking

**10:45 - 11:30** Session Three | Keynote Two: Laying the Foundations - Sand or Rock?  
[Dr. Sue Allingham](#), Independent Early Years Consultant, Early Years Out of the Box

**11:30 - 12:15**

## Session Four: Workshops

Please select one of the following sessions to attend

### Workshop Five: Supporting Self-Regulation in the Early Years

[Helen Tate](#), International Early Years Consultant, Helen Tate Consultancy

**ROOM 1**

### Workshop Six: The Power of Outdoor Learning: Fuelling Curiosity in Early Years

Katy Anderson, Head of FS1, GEMS Metropole School - Motor City

Lauren McCauley, Teaching & Learning Coach, GEMS Metropole School  
- Motor City

Alesha Dublin, Head of FS2, GEMS Metropole School - Motor City

**ROOM 2**

### Workshop Seven: Love and Nurture in the EYFS

[Dr Aaron Bradbury](#), Principal Lecturer, Nottingham Trent University

**ROOM 3**

### Workshop Eight: Oral Language - The Heart of Learning

[Samina Yasmin](#), International Business Development Manager, OxEd & Assessment

**ROOM 4**

**12:15 - 13:15**

## Lunch: Exhibition and Networking

**13:15 - 14:00**

## Session Five: Workshops

Please select one of the following sessions to attend

### Workshop Nine: Creating Developmentally Informed Pedagogy, Practice, Provision and People

[Dr. Sue Allingham](#), Independent Early Years Consultant, Early Years Out of the Box

**ROOM 1**

### Workshop Ten: Partners in Learning: Partners in Play – Strengthening the Adult Role in the Learning Environment

[Phil Armstrong](#), Senior Education Lead, Early Excellence

**ROOM 2**

### Workshop Eleven: Journey from Mark Making to Emergent Writing

Annabel Brandreth, Year Leader, St. Christopher's School, Bahrain

Natasha O'Reilly, Assistant Year Leader, St. Christopher's School, Bahrain

Laura Asquith, Early Years Practitioner, St. Christopher's School, Bahrain

**ROOM 3**

### Workshop Twelve: How Young Brains Develop - Memory and Learning in EYFS

[Lorraine Wade](#), Assistant Head Teacher, GEMS Founders School - Dubai

[Sophie Millard](#), Advanced Skills Teacher, GEMS Founders School - Dubai

**ROOM 4**

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**14:00 - 14:45**      Session Six | Keynote Two: Love and Nurture in the EYFS  
Dr. Aaron Bradbury, Principal Lecturer, Nottingham Trent  
University

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**14:45 - 15:00**      Conference Closing



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