

# DIRECT SERVICES TO SCHOOLS

## EYFS “Listen, Discuss, Learn” Event 2023. CREATING A SPACE FOR BELONGING

### Target Audience:

Teachers and Practitioners in Royal Greenwich

### Course Description:

As part of the ongoing focus within Royal Greenwich to strengthen Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, we are delighted to be hosting a one day “Listen, Discuss, Learn” event for EYFS teachers and practitioners. This day will focus on how we create a learning space where children truly feel that they belong.



Dr. Sharon Colilles SFHEA, will join us as our keynote speaker.

Sharon is Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood Studies at Bath Spa University, a Trustee on Froebel Trust Council, Vice Chair on the Executive for Early Childhood Studies Degrees Network (ECSDN) and an associate trainer for Early Education. She has a diverse career background, initially working for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), owning a private day nursery as well as working as project assistant for the development of Birth to Five Matters non-statutory guidance. More recent work is in the role of an advisory panel member for the development of a Children’s gallery at the National History Museum.

Sharon’s doctoral research is centred around play and how play-based pedagogical approaches facilitate children’s understanding about their mixed-ethnic identity. In her writing she considers how less hurried pedagogical approaches can create ‘space’ for addressing inequalities - hence a deep interest in work that develops anti-oppressive and anti-discriminatory practice.

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We will also have workshops led by Pound Park Nursery School and Wingfield Primary School. Both schools will share how they have strengthened their inclusive practice through their own recent learning.

The day will be a mix of listening to expert input and shared good practice, discussing ideas with colleagues, and gaining new understandings that can be implemented into your own practice.

Availability is limited, therefore early booking is advised to secure your place.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

## Impact Statement:

Through expert input and shared good practice, practitioners will develop their understanding of how they can strengthen children's sense of belonging in our early years classrooms.



Date	Time	Venue	Cost
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	9.00am – 3.30pm	Professional Development Centre	£65.00

**To Book:** Please visit the [Services to Schools Website](#)

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