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Hello and welcome to The EY Circle, PACEY's monthly newsletter, bringing the early years sector closer together.

As the dust settles on the general election and we get to grips with a new Labour government, the childcare and early years sector has entered a new era working in partnership with government on the future of our sector and most importantly the impact on children and giving them the best start in life. This month, Bridget Phillipson was appointed Secretary of State for Education whilst Stephen Morgan was officially announced as early education minister and there has already been a noticeable effort to communicate with the sector, making clear their intentions to work in partnership with us and commitment to placing early years education at the heart of decision making and policy making going forward. The proof, however, is still in the pudding and we eagerly await the finer details that underpin their manifesto pledges.

In this issue of The EY Circle, PACEY's Chief Executive, Helen Donohoe reflects on the election, Labour's manifesto pledges and the huge task that lies ahead of them, especially in light of recent Ofsted provider statistics and reports on childcare availability and affordability. We also hear from Star Primary School about their journey of exploration into Learning Power Approaches (LPA) and we find out more about Edufeel, a growing early years start up prioritising the mental health and wellbeing of providers.

As always, PACEY is keen to work with organisations and individuals from across the sector to bring those passionate about childcare and early years with the latest news, policy updates, research, training, resources and so much more.

We will be taking a break in August but will be back with our next issue of The EY Circle in September, an important month for our sector.

News roundup



Polling of parents in England



Frank Cottrell-Boyce named UK Children's Laureate



Bridget Phillipson appointed Secretary of State for Education



Stephen Morgan officially confirmed as early education minister



Parents struggling to find and pay for childcare, DfE survey finds



New report reveals crisis in SEND

Because children are at the heart of everything we do

Unleashing learning power: Exploring Learning Power Approaches in early childhood education

At Star Primary School, the journey of exploration into Learning Power Approaches (LPA), inspired by the work of Guy Claxton, has been nothing short of transformative. As a former Nursery and now Reception leader, Natalia Prochniak found herself captivated by the close alignment between LPA and the characteristics of effective teaching and learning. This sparked her curiosity, propelling her to delve deeper into its impact and implementation across various educational settings.



Over the past two years, the implementation of the Learning Power Approach (LPA) has yielded transformative results in the students' learning journeys. By integrating learning power characters into the curriculum, we've witnessed a remarkable shift in how children engage with their learning, tapping into metacognitive skills to become independent thinkers.

The integration of learning power characters has not only enhanced the students' academic journey but also equipped them with essential skills for lifelong learning. As they navigate future challenges, they do so with a profound sense of agency and self-awareness, empowered to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

[Read the full article here](#)

Post-election reflection: Delivering a thriving sector

It is fair to say that barely hours after the result of this year's general election were finalised, the new Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP was arriving at the Department for Education in Westminster and meeting and greeting her new colleagues within the building as well as other stakeholders from across the education sector.



It was an impressive start, and the early messages were clear: a reset of the relationship between government, the department and us that work in or represent the education workforce; a focus on collaboration; cross-department working with the Department for Education leading on opportunity; and the commitment to place early years education at the heart of decision making and policy making going forward.

[Continue reading Helen's blog](#)

My experience of taking the National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)

Congratulations to PACEY Advisor, Zara Smith for completing the NPQEYL!

In the Autumn of 2022, Zara started the National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL), an 18-month commitment to learning and developing her skills and knowledge. Throughout her early years career, she has always been passionate about supporting all children to have the best start possible and has always understood that, to achieve this, children need to experience high quality provision, that is informed by current, relevant research and evidence and delivered by well qualified staff.



[Read more about Zara's experience of the NPQEYL](#)

Making waves in the sector

Edufeel is a relatively new and growing app that supports early years providers and their employers with their mental health and wellbeing. The app was launched in 2022 by Enya Last, Owner of Award-Winning Day Nursery Enya's Childcare with over 15 years of dedicated experience in early years education. The app records, assesses and responds to early indicators of mental health decline for individuals and teams.



[Find out more](#)

Resource and guidance highlights



1

[EDT Brighter Futures Podcast](#)



2

[Approaches and practices to support physical development in the early years](#)



3

[Sometimes Happy, Sometimes Sad | Early Years in Mind Story and Guide](#)



4

[Blog: What does evidence tell us about supporting children's self-regulation and executive function in the early years?](#)



5

[BLOG: Stronger Practice Hubs-supporting children's learning in home-based childcare](#)

Coming together | Events for the sector

02.08-
13.09

[The Early Years Conversation Project Summer Showcases.](#)
[Learn about the ShREC approach](#)

14.08

[Webinar: Jayne Carter – Supporting children’s emotional wellbeing in the Early Years](#)

24.09

[South East Therapeutic Childcare Conference 2024](#)

27.09-
28.09

[Childcare & Education Expo Midlands](#)

PACEY is here to support

Free setting up a nursery guidance

Thinking of starting up your own nursery? PACEY is here to support you with our brand-new, comprehensive guide to setting up a nursery! This FREE guide is packed with easily digestible information, printable pages, and links to valuable resources. Written by experts with hands-on nursery set up experience, it’s the perfect resource to get you started.



[Explore guide here](#)

The childcare and early years conference by PACEY

Our conference, taking place on Saturday 26 October 2024, is a great opportunity for early years professionals to explore workshops designed to support both your professional practice and your mental health.

Readers of The EY Circle can receive 10% off our standard ticket pricing by using code **'TheEYCircle10'**. We hope to see you there!

Courtyard Room -
Workshops to support your practice

11.55 - 12.30 | Ofsted | [Ask an early years Ofsted inspector](#)

13.20 - 13.50 | Ella Oliver | [Wellbeing workshop](#)

14.00 - 14.40 | Lucy and Shanti | [Running a group setting](#)

14.45 - 15.25 | Morton Michel | [It's your business, protect yourself](#)

The childcare and early years conference by

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PACEY Advice Surgeries are 1-2-1 virtual sessions with an experienced childcare professional. They are designed to offer advice and guidance on an aspect of running a childcare business and are a great way to offer support to childminders in your local authority.

“It was really useful to speak to someone who has experienced where I am now. Your information has been useful and I am already looking at it in more of a business-like way. Thank you for all your help.” (Childminder, Cornwall)

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