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# Early Years Training Conferences

Our courses are aimed at all practitioners, including teachers and support staff, in Early Years settings.

## Raising the Quality of Learning and Teaching The Cleverness of Boys!

Ros Bayley

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010

9.30am – 3.15pm

In a culture where most of the workforce is female it is not always easy to fully appreciate the unique qualities and the particular needs of boys. This innovative and practical one-day course will focus on positive ways of engaging boys with the curriculum. It will support practitioners in considering the ways in which boys learn best and explore the teaching styles that are compatible with their high activity levels and preferred learning styles.

We are pleased to welcome back Ros Bayley who has run several enjoyable and successful conferences for us in the past. Following an extensive career as an early years teacher, Ros is now a highly acclaimed early years consultant, trainer and storyteller. She has shared her strategies with practitioners both in the UK and abroad, speaking at national conferences and delivering staff development programmes across the country, Ros is a regular contributor to a number of early years journals and is the author of a wide range of books and resources for children and early years practitioners.

During the day, participants will:

- understand why early education can be biased against boys;
- gain insight into the reasons behind the underachievement of boys;
- consider ways in which we may motivate boys to want to learn;
- focus on ways in which we can ensure that boys receive the same access to emotional education as girls;
- explore teaching and learning styles for raising the achievement of boys.

The conference aims to support you in developing your practice and in gaining fresh ideas.

## Enriching Maths Provision and Experience in the EYFS

Carole Skinner

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010

9.30am – 3.15pm

A rich environment in the early years will offer young children many opportunities for mathematical experiences and child-initiated play. Play both indoors and outdoors is a powerful medium for learning maths especially when combined with a lot of discussion and maths talk. If they are given scope for choice, initiative and independence, children will develop their maths problem-solving skills, knowledge and creativity.

Carole Skinner is an early years maths specialist, an adviser, consultant and writer who believes teaching, learning and experiencing maths should be exciting for everyone. She taught in a range of inner city primary schools and nursery settings and spent time as a Numeracy strategy consultant and an Early Years maths lecturer at Brunel University. She was both an Early Years Adviser and Maths Adviser in several Local Authorities. Carole has written for several publishers including the BBC and Nursery World, until recently was responsible for BEAM's Early Years publication and is the author of Early Education's More than Numbers.

On the course you will be:

- exploring experiences, activities and resources that provide a rich learning environment;
- looking at creating opportunities that develop calculating, problem-solving and shape and measuring skills;
- reviewing a range of games that promote mathematical thinking and talk;
- considering how to develop problem solving, reasoning and numeracy in the EYFS.

The aim of the day is to provide you with practical and inspirational ideas to take back to your setting.

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