

Threads training update February 2019



Please find below a monthly update of courses taking place in the next month. To read more, or book your place please click on the links below.

A successful charity (North)

Are you a current or new member of a pre-school committee or perhaps thinking of becoming one? If so, this course will help you learn how to identify and understand your legal commitments and responsibilities as a trustee. You will be able to access a range of tools to assist you in your role. There will also be an opportunity to share experiences and ideas with trustees from other charity run settings. Please bring your Constitution or Governing document. Two delegates per setting may attend.

This half day course is ideal for Chair of the Committee, Committee member, Early Years Practitioner, Early Years Setting Manager.

Venue: Darenth Valley Golf Club, Station Road, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 7SA

Individual price: within Kent KCC funded; outside Kent £55 +VAT

Date: Thursday 7 March 2019

Time: 18:00-21:00

[To book an individual place>>](#)

An evening with... using Makaton with singing (West)

Using Makaton with singing is a fun and easy way to learn to use signs with singing for young children. Signing and singing have been shown to encourage the development of communication and language skills and are beneficial for vocalisation, confidence, social skills, emotional development, well-being and self-esteem.

There is an additional charge for the manual of £6.50.

This half day course is ideal for Breakfast Club/After School Club Practitioner, Breakfast Club/After School Club Manager, Eligible Childminder, Registered Childminder Assistant, Children's Centre all staff, Children's Centre Creche Worker, Deputy Head, Deputy Manager, Early Years Practitioner, Early Years Setting Manager, EY Teacher, EY Teaching Assistant, Holiday Play Scheme staff, Leadership Team, Nursery Teacher, Playworker, SEN Co-ordinator, Team Leaders.

Venue: The Cornwallis Suite, Maidstone Masonic Centre, Courtenay Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6LF

Individual price: within Kent: £35 +VAT; outside Kent: £55 +VAT

Group price: within Kent: £210 +VAT; outside Kent: £385 +VAT

Date: Tuesday 19 March 2019

Time: 19:00-21:00

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An evening with...using Makaton with singing (South)

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This half day course is ideal for Breakfast Club/After School Club staff, Childminder, Children's Centre staff, Deputy Head, Deputy Manager, Early Years Practitioner, Early Years Setting Manager, EY Teacher, EY Teaching Assistant, Holiday Play Scheme staff, Leadership Team, Nursery Teacher, Playworker, SEN Co-ordinator, Team Leaders.

Venue: Holiday Inn - Ashford Central, Canterbury Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8QQ

Individual price: within Kent: £35 +VAT; outside Kent: £55 +VAT

Group price: within Kent: £210 +VAT; outside Kent: £385 +VAT

Date: Tuesday 26 March 2019

Time: 19:00-21:00

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Bring on the boys

This interactive workshop will strengthen your knowledge and build your confidence to support the development of boys' language and literacy skills. This will help you to narrow the gap in attainment and reduce the risk of future vulnerability. This half day course is ideal for Early Years Manager, Deputy Manager and Practitioners.

Venue: Ashford Business Hub, Ray Allen Centre, Stanhope Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 5RN

Individual price: within Kent: £35.00 +VAT; outside Kent: £55.00 +VAT

Group price: within Kent: £210 +VAT; outside Kent: £385 +VAT

Date: Friday 1 March 2019

Time: 13:00-16:00

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Encouraging positive behaviour training

This workshop explores positive approaches to the management of behaviour in your setting by focusing on how to set appropriate boundaries between children and staff members. It will also offer strategies to encourage staff to work collaboratively to consistently promote positive outcomes. This half day course is ideal for Eligible Childminder, Registered Childminder, Early Years Practitioner, Early Years Setting Manager, Playworker.

Venue: Tudor Park Marriott Hotel and Country Club, Ashford Road, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 4NQ

Individual price: within Kent: £35 +VAT; outside Kent: £55 +VAT

Group price: within Kent: £210 +VAT; outside Kent: £385 +VAT

Date: Monday 25 March 2019

Time: 09:30-12:30

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English as an Additional Language in the early years (South/East)

Many children in early years settings will have a home language other than English. This workshop will explore the value of linguistic diversity and will guide settings on how to provide opportunities for children to learn English alongside their home language. To be able to confidently support children with English as an Additional Language (EAL) in the early years. This course is delivered in partnership with Inclusion Support Service Kent (ISSK).

This full day course is ideal for Breakfast Club/After School Club Practitioner, Breakfast/After School Club Manager, Eligible Childminder, Registered, Early Years Practitioner, Early Years Setting Manager, EY Teacher.

Venue: Aylesham Business Hub, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 3AJ

Individual price: within Kent: £70 +VAT; outside Kent: £110 +VAT

Group price: within Kent: £420 +VAT; outside Kent £665 +VAT

Date: Thursday 21 March

Time: 09:30-15:30

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How to break even and avoid bad debt

Is your setting financially viable? Are you covering all your costs? Are you accruing or carrying bad debts? This course will demonstrate the impact on your business of accruing bad debts and teach you the break-even process, to help your business become sustainable. You will be provided with opportunities to reflect on your practice, benefit from the cross-dissemination of ideas and inputs from other delegates and receive tailored guidance and support from an experienced early years and childcare professional.

This half day course is ideal for those decision makers responsible for setting fees and procuring services. This training can be delivered as a bespoke package to an individual setting, as a package to early years collaborations or tailored to your specific needs.

ADDITIONAL EVENT: How to break even and avoid bad debt and Marketing and promotion for success are being held on the same day, please book via CPD Online as normal

PLEASE NOTE: Lunch WILL NOT be provided if you book both events on the same day.

Venue: Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls, Hollybush Close, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3UX

Individual price: within Kent: KCC funded; outside Kent: £55 +VAT

Group price: within Kent: KCC funded; outside Kent: £385 +VAT

Date: Wednesday 6 March 2019

Time: 13:30–16:30

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Marketing and promotion for success (North)

Effective marketing will help you to maintain the long-term sustainability of your setting. The aim of the course is to consider the key elements of marketing and how you can build them into your marketing plan to inform existing parents/carers and attract new ones. The course will introduce you to a range of tools that will support you to review and evaluate your business, together with planning templates and practical marketing ideas to make you stand out from the crowd. You will also benefit from the cross-dissemination of ideas and inputs from other delegates and receive tailored guidance and support from an experienced early years and childcare professional.

The half day course is ideal for managers and staff responsible for marketing and promoting an early years or out of school setting. It is also valuable to committee members, employees and volunteers with an interest in raising the profile of the setting.

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Targeted support for communication and language (West)

This targeted level communication and language training builds on practitioners' knowledge, understanding and skills at universal level. It will help them to further support children's communication and language development through targeted activities, practice and provision. It provides a range of activities, strategies and targeted interventions that will support the whole staff team to meet the communication and language needs of the range of children in their care. Pre-course information:

Practitioners will need to have first attended the one day universal course, the Prime importance of communication and language, before attending this targeted level course.

This half day course is ideal for Eligible Childminder, Registered Childminder, Early Years Practitioner, Early Years Setting Manager, EY Teacher.

Venue: Bewl Water Outdoor Centre, Bewlbridge Lane, Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 8JH

Individual price: within Kent: £35 +VAT; outside Kent: £55 +VAT

Date: Thursday 7 March 2019

Time: 09:30-12:30

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Walking in the shoes of giants

Do you remember being fascinated by everything and everyone around you, having that innate urge to explore using your senses? You will have an opportunity to explore and discuss the prime areas for learning and how theory and practice can be combined to provide a stimulating and enabling environment for the two year olds in your provision. This half day course is ideal for Eligible Childminder, Registered Childminder Assistant, Early Years Practitioner, Early Years Setting Manager.

"Able to take on board different ways of communicating, encourage children more & provide different materials and view things from a child's perspective"

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Date: Saturday 9 March 2019

Time: 09:30-12:30

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Wellbeing and involvement

Supporting children to have high levels of wellbeing and involvement will impact on other areas of learning and development and contribute to positive mental health in later years. The design of this training is based around the work of Professor Ferre Laevers of the University of Leuven in Belgium who has worked closely with Kent's early years and childcare sector.

This full day course is ideal for Eligible Childminder, Registered Childminder, Early Years Practitioner, Nursery Teacher.

Venue: Oakwood House Hotel, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8AE

Individual price: within Kent: £70 +VAT; outside Kent £110 +VAT

Group price: within Kent: £420 +VAT; outside Kent £665 +VAT

Date: Wednesday 20 March 2019

Time: 09:30-16:30

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The Kent County Council (KCC) funded offer via The Education People is available to providers of early education and/or childcare within KCC's geographical boundaries, registered with Ofsted or the Department for Education and/or with KCC to deliver Free Entitlement places; this includes:

- Private, voluntary and independent group providers
- Out of school childcare providers
- Eligible childminders
- Schools and academies admitting children under four

*Please note that non-eligible childminders can access some elements of the offer **only**.