

Agenda: The Power of Play

Bookbug Conference in partnership with NHS Health Scotland

Tuesday 19 March 2019, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh

- 9.00–9.30** **Registration with tea and coffee**
An opportunity to visit the exhibition stands.
- 9.30–9.45** **Welcome from the Chair**
Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People’s Commissioner
Scotland
- 9.45–10.00** **Play Builds Children**
Marguerite Hunter Blair, Chief Executive, Play Scotland
- 10.00–10.20** **Opening address: Putting the Play Strategy into practice**
Maree Todd, Minister for Children and Young People
- 10.20–11.10** **“Tuning in” to your child during play and learning: the science of interpersonal neural synchrony**
Dr Victoria Leong, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Nanyang Technological University and Affiliated Lecturer at the University of Cambridge
- 11.10–11.25** **Coffee break and exhibition stands**
- 11.25–12.05** **Enhancing the learning environment for young children: an occupational therapy and speech and language therapy perspective**
Gwen Bell, Speech and Language Therapist, NHS Health Scotland and Tracey Ratcliffe, Lead for Early Intervention & Prevention, Children and Young People's Occupational Therapy Service, Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline



- 12.05–12.55 Workshops – Session 1**
- A: play@home and the importance of play in child development**
Aisling Noland and Eileen McMillan, NHS Health Scotland
 - B: Memories of gendered play**
Sarah Goldsmith, Glasgow School for Business and Society
 - C: How play supports communication and language**
Cherie Morgan, Play Scotland and Angie Kinghorn, Cycling UK
 - D: Learning Through Landscapes: Nurturing Nature**
Gordon MacLean, Learning Through Landscapes
 - E: Digital play**
Nikki Stearman, Dubit and Ruth Grindley, Scottish Book Trust
- 12.55–13.45 Lunch and exhibition stands**
- 13.45–14.35 Workshops – Session 2**
Repeat of above
- 14.35–14.40 Welcome back from the Chair**
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- 14.40–15.00 Bookbug Programme update**
Kirsty Sinclair, Head of Early Years, Scottish Book Trust
- 15.00–16.00 Author session**
Pamela Butchart, children’s author
- 16.00–16.15 Closing remarks from the Chair**

