

Osiris Educational's Early Years Conference

17th March 2020, Glasgow

Closing the Disadvantage
Gap

P1 Assessments

Assessment & Play can go hand in hand

Literacy and
Numeracy

Play sufficiency

Inspection



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Penny Tassoni MBE

Renowned Early Years Trainer and Author



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P1 Independent Review Chair



#EYCONS20

Early Years Conference 2020

Over the past seven years, nearly 2,000 Early Years practitioners have benefitted from our popular Early Years conference in England. For the first time, we are bringing this unmissable event to Scotland and it promises to deliver up-to-the-minute topics by world-class speakers.

This year's focus

Play and assessment can go hand in hand...

Controversial tests of children in P1 will continue after an independent review found "scant evidence" of youngsters becoming upset during the assessment process. The review (chaired by speaker, David Reedy) found that the tests should continue if some important issues were addressed.

This conference will focus on changes to the tests and how they can be delivered in a play-based setting.

Key take-aways

- Skills for teachers to confidently complete computer based P1 assessments in 2020/2021
- Ideas to create a play-based environment (indoors and out)
- Proven ways to help narrow the disadvantage gap

The all-star line-up

Penny Tassoni MBE



- A renowned education consultant, author and keynote speaker
- Specialist in the whole spectrum of learning and play
- Author of over 40 books
- President of the Professional Association of Early Years and Childcare (PACEY)

David Leng



- Professional advisor to the Scottish Government Directorate since 2016.
- He has supported the implementation of the Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA)
- David was Head of Schools from 2007-2012.

Janie McManus



- Responsible for leading inspection programmes across Education Scotland
- Previously worked for the Scottish Government
- Led Education Scotland's work with local authorities
- Seconded to work with The Standing International Conference of Inspectorates

David Reedy



- Led the 2019 independent review for the P1 standardised assessments
- Co-director of the Cambridge Primary Review Trust from 2013-2017
- General secretary and president of the United Kingdom Literacy Association (UKLA)

Marguerite Hunter Blair



- Leading figure promoting the child's right to play in Scotland
- Chief Executive of Play Scotland
- Chair of Scotland's Play Council Strategy Group
- Member of the newly established Education Leaders' Forum

Lynda Keith



- Acclaimed Scottish education consultant and author
- Specialises in Numeracy, Literacy, play-based, active and independent learning
- Involved in a range of Raising Attainment projects across Scotland

Timetable

09.15 – 09.20 **Chairs Welcome**

09.20 – 09.50 **P1 Assessments Are Here to Stay. Why?**

David Leng

Clarify the purpose and the change to P1 Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) for the 2020/2021 school year.

09.50 – 10.20 **Making Maths Count Outdoors**

Lynda Keith

Develop a deeper understanding of how to plan quality experiences, which combine pedagogy with effective practice.

10.20 – 10.35 **Break for Tea/Coffee**

10.35 – 11.35 **Closing the Reading Gap**

David Reedy

Top tips for teaching reading comprehension and inference to ALL young children.

10.35 – 11.35 **Bringing Play into P1**

Marguerite Hunter Blair

Find out about the Play Types Toolkit which brings more play into the school day (both indoors and out).

11.40 – 12.10 **Key Inspection Updates for 2020 and Beyond**

Janie McManus

An update on inspection and what data should be provided during inspections. Best practice examples for triangulating SNSA data with observational data from play-based activities.

12.10 – 13.00 **Lunch**

13.00 – 13.30 **Uncover Findings from the P1 Assessment Review**

David Reedy

Discover the important modifications being made to the P1 assessments following the independent review.

13.35 – 14.35 **Planning for Cross-curricular Learning Through Role-Play**

Penny Tassoni MBE

Great ways to make the most of play-based learning in your environment with ideas to plan, resource and support role-play.

13.35 – 14.35 **Closing the Numeracy Gap**

Lynda Keith

New ideas for developing high quality experiences in Maths and Numeracy at P1.

14.35 – 14.50 **Break for Tea/Coffee**

14.50 – 15.20 **The Power of Play for ALL Scottish Children**

Marguerite Hunter Blair

Be the first to hear about the Play Sufficiency Duty and its inclusion in the new Planning (Scotland) Bill 2019.

15.20 – 15.50 **Eliminating Educational Disadvantage**

Penny Tassoni

Hear proven ways to provide a 'safety net' for children who are most at risk of underachievement.

15.50 – 16.00 **Chair's closing remarks**

*Timetable subject to change

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