

Explore the Programme



Welcome & Introductions 9.30am
Liz Marsden – Founder & Director, Early Excellence

Morning Keynote: 9.45am
The Art of Inquiry Teaching
Led by Kath Murdoch, Education Consultant, University of Melbourne, Australia

Throughout the morning Kath will share with us her passion for inquiry based methodologies that developed through her fascination of how pupils construct their understandings and the ways in which their questions and big ideas can drive the curriculum. She will share many examples from a range of primary classrooms, helping us to explore just what it is that skilled teachers DO to effectively activate, support and extend inquiry. Kath's style is refreshingly practical, inclusive and always connected to the real world of teaching.

Lunch Break 12.15pm

Conference Workshops: 1.30pm
Inquiry in Action in KS1
Join Barbara Patterson as she shares 'real' enquiries from Hartburn Primary School – a lively presentation and debate of how inquiry works and impacts on outcomes in KS1.

Inquiry in Action in KS2
Join Cassandra Williams and Jonathan Barber as they share how staff in Upper KS2 use a project approach to learning and maintain the place of self-initiated learning right through to Y6.

Assessment in Action in KS1 & KS2
Join Tim Sherriff as he explains how in his school, teachers keep children at the heart of the assessment process and secure progress across a broad curriculum, indoors and outdoors.

Workshop Plenary 2.40pm
Led by Early Excellence

Final Keynote: 3.00pm
Assessment with Principles & Purpose
Led by Jane Golightly, Associate Early Excellence Consultant

To conclude the conference Jane will explore the impact of teaching approaches on schools' assessment procedures and consider how schools can shape assessment in ways that reflect their principles and practice, whilst securing the information they must have about children's progress.