



CARE AND LEARNING ALLIANCE

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*All courses are certificated and will contribute towards CPD
(Continuous Professional Development)*

Anyone can request training from CALA; we can usually tailor content, timing and venue to meet your specific needs. Member groups and partner agencies receive a discount on training costs.

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Curriculum Training – Full Day

(some can also be delivered as shorter introductory workshops)

- ***The Great Outdoors*** – a focus on child directed play using a variety of materials (loose parts) and encouraging centres to access the curriculum outside as well as indoors.
- ***Early Maths through Play*** – focus on provision for 3-6 year olds
- ***Self-Evaluation and Improvement Planning*** – this training will guide you painlessly from the basics to more advanced techniques in self-evaluation and improvement planning within an early year's setting.
- ***Curriculum planning, assessment and recording*** – explains the Highland systems for the early level of curriculum for excellence (ages 3-6 years)
- ***Developing expressive and aesthetic play*** – focusing on encouraging self-expression in arts, crafts, role-play and music for the early level of curriculum for excellence (ages 3-6 years)
- ***Risk Assessment for Childcare Providers*** – looks at basic risk assessment theory and provides a practical system specifically tailored to assessing risk in childcare settings.
- ***Fostering Parental Involvement in Childcare settings*** – looks at ways to remove barriers to involvement, go beyond tokenism and encourage meaningful involvement, and includes a sample policy to help implement new ideas.
- ***Energetic Physical Play*** – looks at local and national advice, considers challenge and progression using innovative and creative approaches for energetic play for children 3-8 years.
- ***Assessment is for Learning*** – focus on 3-6 years – looks at ways to effectively support children, parents and staff to use assessment as a tool for learning and planning future learning.

Pre-birth to 3

- **Pre-birth to Three** – awareness of the new national guidance (Dec. 2010) and its relevance for all those working with young children. Can be delivered as a full day or an introductory workshop of 2 hours
- **Birth to Three – planning and observation.** In response to feedback from day care centres we have developed a simple, practical system for planning to be used in settings with 0-3s. This links to recent research into appropriate observation methods using simple but effective techniques focusing on children’s well-being and involvement. Delivered either as a full day or 2 workshops.
- **Play at Home awareness raising** – either for parents or for professionals (1-2 hours).

Policy Training

- **Committee Induction** – 2 hour workshop looking at roles and responsibilities of a voluntary committee running a pre-school partner centre.
- **Playleader Induction** – 2 hour workshop for new staff.
- **Parental involvement in childcare settings;** including a policy framework for your centre.
- **Promoting positive behaviour.** (A generic course suitable for anyone working with young children or in OOS settings).
- **Equal Opportunities Awareness-raising** (2 hour workshop). Suitable for EY staff or OOS care – revised and updated. Linked to completing a new policy for your centre.
- **Parental Involvement for childcare providers,** including an exemplar policy to complete. (2 hours)
- **Children’s Participation Policy workshop;** includes ideas for involving children in all aspects of childcare provision and an exemplar policy for you to complete. (2 hours)

Other Short Format Training

- Tackling staff review meetings and implementing a system for staff support and supervision – 2 hours.
- Making Improvement Planning Work for You – a 2 hour workshop designed to help you get the most from your improvement plan.
- Health and Wellbeing – a workshop which develops staff thinking around this aspect of the early level within Curriculum for Excellence with some practical ideas to take this forward.
- Messy Play for the under-fives.
- Heuristic Play – aimed at working with toddlers (2 hours).
- Using a Treasure Basket – aimed at working with babies (2 hours).
- Science activities for the Early Years
- Fun with food – incorporating use of the HEBS 'Foodland' Pack and looking at the implementation of the Nutritional Guidance.
- Creative outdoor play (suitable for staff working with pre-school or primary age children) (2 hours)
- Practical Crafts for staff working with children 5-12 years. Includes ideas for simple woodworking and felting, for example. (2 hours or longer if required).
- Active Clubs training for Out of School Care providers (2 hours minimum) – simple, practical ideas for energetic play/ games with 4-12 year olds, approx.

Costs:

CALA Members

Full day - £326

Half-day / evening - £188

(Includes comprehensive course materials)

Plus travel costs at 45p per mile

Other Agencies

Full day - £400

Half-day / evening - £200

Plus travel & accommodation costs (where applicable) and course materials etc.