



Every Child Matters In Lincolnshire



Birth to Five Service 

Have you considered further Education? Maybe a course where you can study at home?

Then OPEN UNIVERSITY could be the route for you?

Find out more by attending one of the briefing sessions taking place around the County

Corporate Sponsorship is being offered for the:

**The Early Years:
Developing Practice (E100)
*Level 4***

Which, if you continue to study further modules, will lead you onto achieving the

Early Years Foundation Degree

Working at removing the barriers of a rural County



Many mature students are put-off undertaking further education as it would be difficult to fit in with family life, home / work commitments and travel, so why not come along and find out if studying DISTANCE LEARNING would suit you ...

Hear about funding opportunities that are available to staff who are working within the Private / voluntary early years & childcare sector!

The Graduate Leader Fund allocation has meant that financially there has never been a better time to work towards a degree!

How studying works at the OU

Open learning means that you will be learning in your own time by reading course material, working on course activities, writing assignments and perhaps working with other students.

Supported means support from a tutor and the student services staff at Regional Centres, as well as from centralised areas such as the Library or Open University Students Association.

Entry

You must have been working with young children (aged 0–7) in an education or care setting prior to starting the course. The qualifying period is six months if you have worked full time or 12 months if part time – at least five hours per week.

To be eligible for Lincolnshire County Council sponsorship you will need to meet the criteria detailed on the funding application form.

Briefings will take place at the following venues around the County:

Day	Date	Venue
Tuesday	15th June	New Life Conference Centre, Mareham Lane, Sleaford
Thursday	17th June	Boston Conference & Management Centre, Skirbeck Road, Boston
Saturday	19th June	Ruston Sports & Social Club, Newark Road, Lincoln
Thursday	24th June	EM Centre For Learning, Londonthorpe Road, Grantham
Tuesday	29th June	Horncastle Curriculum Centre (portacabin at the rear of Horncastle College)

**All sessions will run 10am to 11.30am
refreshments will be provided upon arrival**

The Early Years: Developing Practice



The Open University

Summary

This course is for anyone currently working with young children aged between birth and seven years in public, private, voluntary and independent settings. You'll consider practice in relation to working with young children and other adults (including colleagues, other professionals, parents and carers). You'll develop your knowledge of provision for young children from birth to seven years and explore how they develop and learn.

The course looks at the early years curriculum and its underpinning principles and values and is of direct relevance to all UK national early years guidance, including the Early Years Foundation Stage.

You will explore these areas through studying printed course materials, audio and video recordings (on DVD and on the course website), and two course readers, and by carrying out activities linked to your work with young children.

The course offers the first step towards the Foundation Degree in Early Years and will meet the needs of adults seeking to become highly qualified and experienced early years practitioners, including those who aspire to achieve the graduate Early Years Professional Status (EYPS).

There is no essential preparatory work before the course starts, but it is suggested that you locate and become familiar with the policy and curriculum documents for the childcare or education setting

in which you work.

Reading practitioner journals such as *Nursery World* will allow you to acquaint yourself with current issues in the early years sector.

Qualifications

E100 is a compulsory course in our:

- G01 Foundation Degree in Early Years
- E37 Diploma of Higher Education in Early Years
- C37 Certificate in Early Years Practice
- B51 BA and BA (Hons) Early Years

E100 is a specified course in our:

- B23 BA (Hons) Childhood and Youth Studies

It can also count towards most of our other degrees at bachelors level where it is equally appropriate to a BA or BSc.

After successfully completing this course you will have developed a clear awareness of your own role in working effectively in the care and education of young children. You will be aware of the conditions and contexts which support young children's learning and development and will be confident of your ability to

provide and/or support the provision of an appropriate and effective care and learning environment for children.

Teaching and assessment / Support

You will have a tutor who will help you with the course material and mark and comment on your written work, and whom you can ask for advice and guidance. If you are new to the OU, you will find that your tutor will be particularly concerned to help you with your study methods. We also offer tutorial support online through online forums and sometimes via group tutorials that you are encouraged, but not obliged, to attend. Where your tutorials are held will depend on the distribution of students taking the course.

Assessment

There are four tutor-marked assignments (TMAs), which you can submit online using our eTMA system. We strongly recommend you use the eTMA system, but there will be the facility to submit TMAs on paper.

Together the TMAs make up the continuous assessment element, while an end-of-course project takes the place of an examination. Equal weighting is given to the continuous assessment component and the final project and you must pass both parts to pass the course. Assessment is an essential part of the teaching, so you are required to complete all assignments. You will be given more detailed information when you begin the course.

Still confused ... come along for a chat and find out more!

**Open University
Briefing Booking Form**



Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone Number _____

Setting employed in:

Job Role:

Please reserve me a place on the Open University information briefing at the following venue.....

Date:

Venue:

Please complete this booking form, identifying which briefing you would like to attend and return to the address on the back page

Please note you will only be notified if you have not been allocated a place



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