



LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

CHILDMINDERS CONFERENCE

CITY GATES CENTRE, ILFORD

16TH NOVEMBER 2019

EVALUATION REPORT

**EARLY YEARS, CHILDCARE & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
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INTRODUCTION

This was a full day event with presentations and workshops on Early Years Teaching and Learning and Childcare Development for Childminders in Waltham Forest.

The aim of the Childminders Conference was to update Childminders on the new Ofsted Inspection Framework to build their understanding and confidence for their future inspections. Workshops and keynote speeches were planned around the areas that were identified in Quality Monitoring Visits and individual training requests. The intention of the training was to empower Childminders to evaluate their settings and include quality, well planned and unique experiences for young children, in all areas of development, and to have a greater understanding of children's Characteristics of Effective Learning.

Morning session included presentations on:

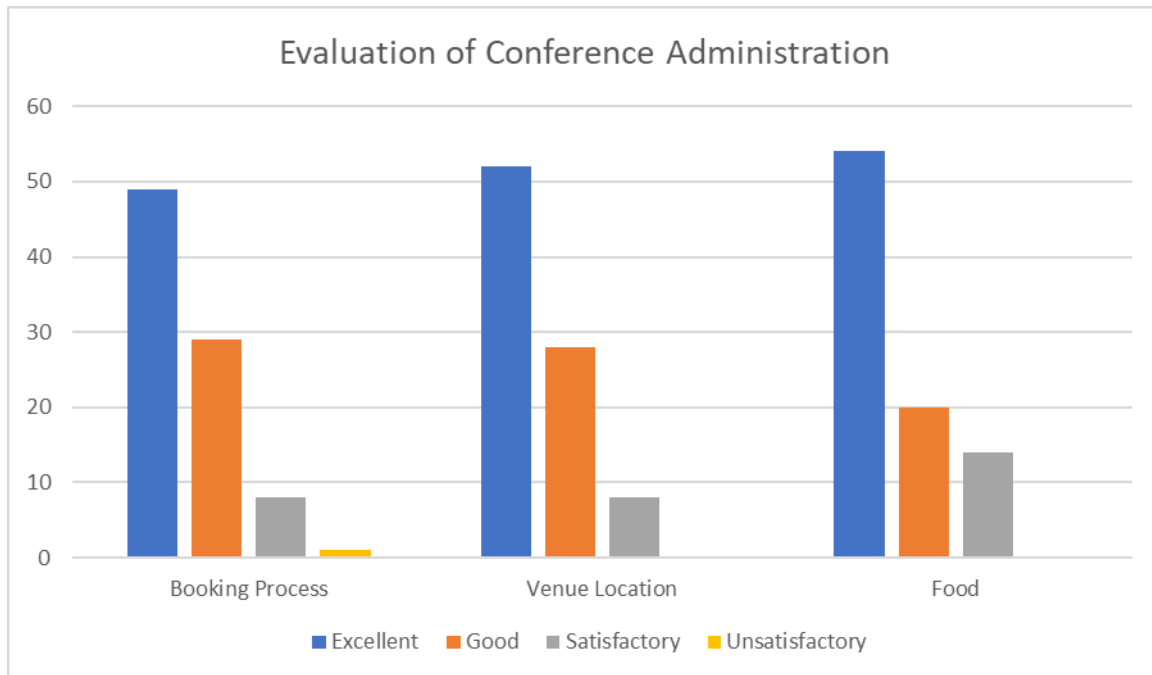
1. Ofsted Briefing of new Inspection Framework
2. Quality provision for 2-year olds
3. Importance of physical development outdoors

Afternoon sessions involved workshops on:

1. Communication & Language – Cultural Capital / Story Telling
2. Working with Babies – Neuroscience, babies, treasure baskets
3. Characteristics of Effective Learning

VENUE

This was the second time the venue was used for this conference and the delegates had positive feedback on the location and facilities as provided below:



77% of the delegates rated the venue location and facilities as 'Excellent' or 'Good'

Some of the positive comments received were:

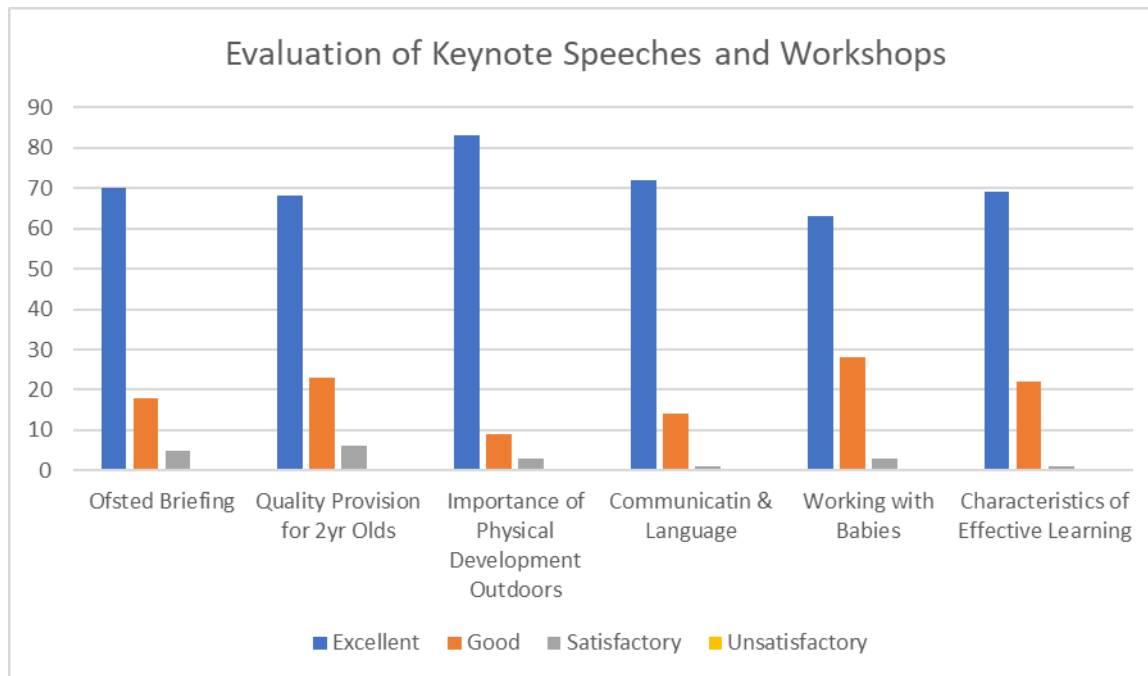
- *'Lovely building'*
- *'Lovely sandwiches and fresh fruit'*

DELEGATES

In total, 69 delegates were booked on the event, 65 of these delegates attended. This evaluation is based on a total of 63 responses to the post event evaluation survey received from attendees.

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

The chart below highlights delegates' satisfaction levels on the presentations and workshops



Summary of Findings:

- 71% found the content of the Conference 'Excellent', 19% found it 'Good' and 3% found the session to be 'satisfactory'.
- There were no 'Unsatisfactory' ratings.

Delegates were asked what they will take away from the presentations and workshops that might make a difference to their Early Years settings or working practices.

Below is a selection of comments received:

Ofsted Briefing

- *'New ideas and activities to include in my setting'*
- *'Now thinking about "what is my vision"'*
- *'Better understanding of Cultural Capital'*
- *'Will enforce Intent, Implementation, Impact'*

Quality Provision for 2-year olds

- *'Better understanding of activities for 2-year olds'*
- *'Will encourage children's Schemas'*

- *'Will provide more outdoor play'*
- *'How to communicate with toddlers'*
- *'To encourage children to explore'*

Importance of physical development outdoors

- *'To provide physical activities outdoors whatever the weather'*
- *'Provide more outdoor resources and play'*
- *'Given me ideas to improve my outdoor area'*
- *'Linking outdoor play to the 7 areas of learning'*

Communication & Language – Cultural Capital / Story Telling

- *'To link stories with real objects and props'*
- *'Give children time to talk and to respond'*
- *'Use natural products to expand children's vocabulary'*
- *'Bring books to life'*

Working with Babies – Neuroscience, babies, treasure baskets

- *'Include natural resources in treasure basket'*
- *'Better understanding of the importance of child led play'*
- *'Allow babies to explore independently'*
- *'Introduce more sensory explorative child-initiated experiences'*

Characteristics of Effective Learning

- *'Will provide problem solving activities'*
- *'Allow children to take more risks'*
- *'Provide clearer feedback to children'*
- *'Challenge the children'*
- *'Better understanding of how to support children to achieve their goals'*

Conference Administration & Delivery

89% of the childminders felt that it was easy to book the conference on WF Traded Services while 11% felt that this could be improved further by email receipts being sent out after booking.

Overall Evaluation

The delegates rated their satisfaction at 61% 'Excellent' satisfied with the event in general while 51% rated as 'Good' and only 3% rated the overall evaluation as satisfactory.

Other Positive Comments:

- *'Extended thanks for the brilliant conference. I enjoyed it enormously. The guest speakers were quite insightful and gave some thought-provoking information'*
- *'Much better than last conference. Better programme with great workshops'*
- *'The conference/workshops were organised and planned very well'*
- *'My first time attending. I found the day interesting and informative'*
- *'Loved the event and feel like it has given me more confidence'*
- *'Really enjoyed the day and sure will take so many things back to the setting'*
- *'Was a very useful one. Enjoyed and learned more than I did at other ones I've attended. Very good'*
- *'I really enjoyed it and my questions on Cultural Capital and COEL were all answered and very clear'*
- *'Really good day. Very beneficial. Lots of things that I am doing also adding to the provision'*
- *'I would love training about selective mutism with lovely Penny Cartwright'*
- *'Best conference I have been on. Very useful. Thank you'*

Aspects of the day that could be improved on

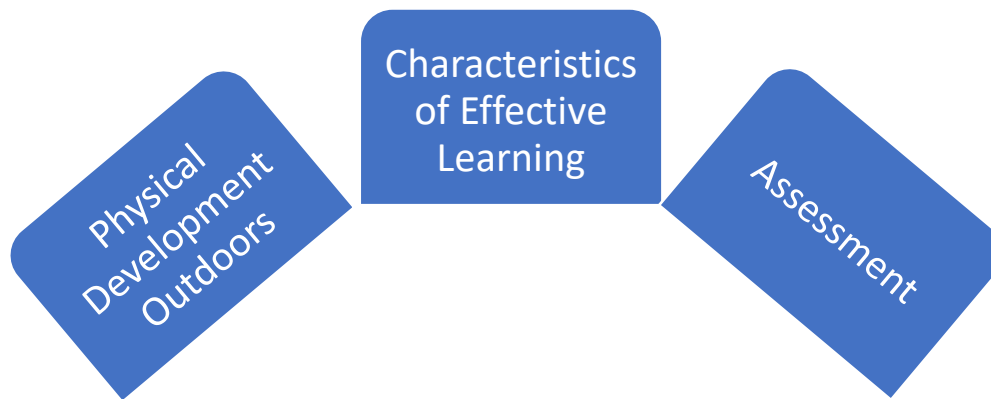
- *'Need at least 10-minute break in between workshops - too much to take in'*
- *'Table in main hall during morning talks. Difficult writing notes on my lap'*
- *'Keynote speeches seemed to be rushed, so would have liked it to be slightly longer. More questions/answers opportunity'*
- *'More time on certain topics would have been great'*
- *'Lovely building but quite far out'*
- *'The workshop rooms were really stuffy. A WF venue would have been easier'*

- *'Halal food would have been appreciated as there were many Muslims. Location should have been more local'*
- *'Needed table to sit'*

What Next?

From the feedback, childminders requested further training to support their development. The required trainings are:

- Physical Development Outdoors – providing an enabling environment for children to explore natural resources outdoors
- Characteristics of Effective Learning – to plan activities for children which will support them to promote and provide for their individual Characteristics of Effective Learning
- Assessment – to effectively monitor children's progress accurately and identify delays early



Positive impact from Conference

The conference gave insight to the childminders on how to improve their setting outdoor areas. One childminder has effectively carried out this change as seen in the pictures below:

“The conference presented lots of ideas and different ways of doing things. Using tyres for planting was great. Children can access it more easily especially the younger ones. The normal planters were too high and difficult for several children to play together. Children can play alongside the older children and learn by watching them. Children have helped to plant flowers and coriander seeds. They love to dig and explore the soil. They’ll be able to watch the flowers as they grow and learn at the same time” - From CM (Hoe Street)



Selection of images from conference



INTENT
Based on my knowledge of this child, what do they need to learn, know or be able to do, in the context of the areas of learning and development and characteristics of effective learning (the curriculum) in order to succeed in life (cultural capital)? What is needed to support them to achieve this?

IMPLEMENTATION
How I deliver my plans e.g through teaching and modelling, discussion, providing resources and experiences, so the child will make progress in areas of learning and development.
IMPACT
How do I know if what I planned was successful? That the child achieved the outcomes? What do they now know?



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