

Wraparound Bulletin

Conference Special



Dear Providers,

Following our recent wraparound conference, we want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU!

The event was a success because so many of you were able to join us on the day. Our goal was to offer an enjoyable opportunity to network with colleagues from across Nottinghamshire and to hear from inspiring keynote speakers. We hoped you would gain insights from sector experts and leave with ideas that could positively influence your business or practice.

We wanted to create an event specifically for those who work in wraparound childcare, to give you an opportunity to be praised, valued, and appreciated for all the hard work you do supporting families and children. You told us that inclusion and business support were some of the current needs for the sector, so we chose workshops based around this for you to benefit from. With a diverse range of speakers and an energising atmosphere throughout the conference, it certainly felt as though we achieved what we set out to do.

The feedback we've received has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are already reviewing your evaluations to help shape our plans for 2026.



Nottinghamshire County & Nottingham City colleagues collaborated to bring you the





Peter McConnochie, Service Director for Education, Learning, and Inclusion (Nottinghamshire County) opened the conference by reflecting on all the hard work that has been made across the county in delivering a wraparound offer for the whole community for parents, carers and families to access.

James Hemsall OBE. gave an inspirational address speaking about his experiences of playwork and the sector. He highlighted how “It is a great privilege to be chosen and trusted by a family to look after and to care for their child” and he described the workforce as “brave, for rising to the challenges we face”.



James is a strong advocate for playwork, and his leadership and expertise continue to influence policies and procedures ensuring better outcomes for children across the UK.

Workshop Hosts:

Ben Kingston Hughes, Inspired Children

Ben Kingston-Hughes is an international keynote speaker, author and multi award-winning trainer. His distinctive blend of humour, neuroscience and real-life practical experiences have made his training invaluable for anyone working with children. Ben had the audience captivated throughout his workshop as he spoke his research into the neuroscience of play and how play was innate.



Matt Ogle, Entire Clubs

Entire group UK is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to saying yes to every child, especially those who are neurodivergent or have additional needs. Born from frustration with mainstream childcare limitations, Entire offers fully inclusive, affordable childcare and support, from nursery age to young adulthood. They help providers understand the difference between inclusive and fully inclusive practice. Matt shared his personal experiences as a parent and how this led entire clubs to evolve into ensuring all environments, we're fully inclusive. He led an interactive session, where he challenged providers to think about their practice and how they could become fully inclusive, whilst providing innovative and inspiring ideas to do this.



Helen Barnett, Toy Library

Helen has 30 years' experience of play, managing and delivering playwork services in Nottingham where she was the Training and Workforce Development Manager. Helen has worked for Toy Library since 2018 leading on quality and performance, training, and safeguarding. Helen delivered an Interactive play session with a focus on loose parts play and adaptable and inclusive activities. She shared the importance of play and provided play ideas for delegates to take away.

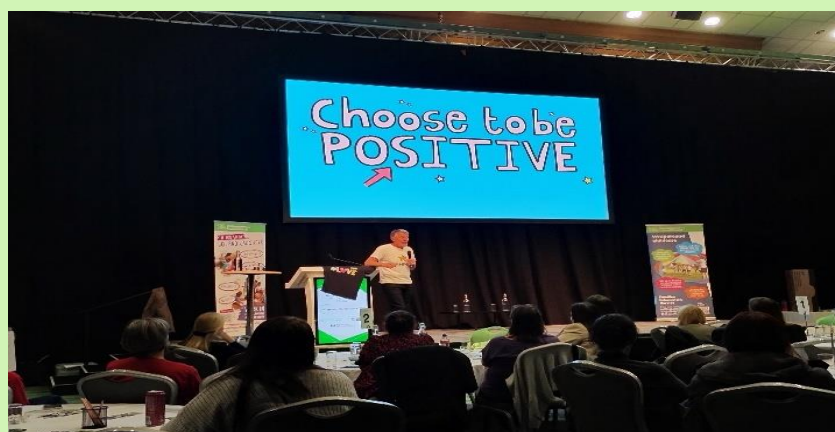


Rebekah Jackson-Reece, Out of School Alliance

Rebekah is a highly respected childcare success coach and consultant, specialising as an expert advisor on the Out-of-school and wraparound sector in England. Rebekah shared her experience and expertise of how to build a sustainable wraparound business. She questioned whether each business had a clear vision and offer, she challenged providers to think differently about their business model and processes.



Dr Andy Cope is a keynote speaker, best-selling author and 'recovering academic'. A regular on radio and TV, he specialises in positive psychology and the science of human flourishing. The reward for grinding out his PhD is that Andy calls himself a Dr of Happiness.

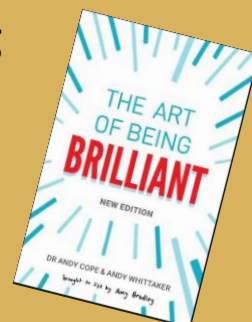


Andy finished the day motivating the audience to be the best version of themselves and shared positive tools for delegates to take away.



How many of you have cleared out your pant drawer? 😊

Every delegate received a free goody bag with notebook and pen, a stress ball, and a copy of this book.



Exhibitors included:



Your feedback included.....

"The whole day has been great!"

The keynote speakers were inspiring"

"An all-round great day, thank you!"

"Loved the workshops, Really inspiring"

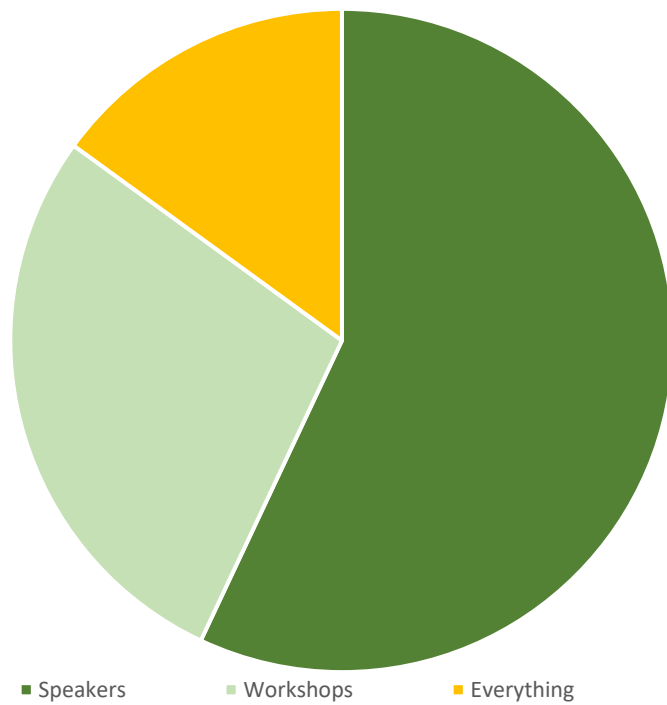
"Great games ideas"

"Fully focused on wraparound providers and the chance to network with others"

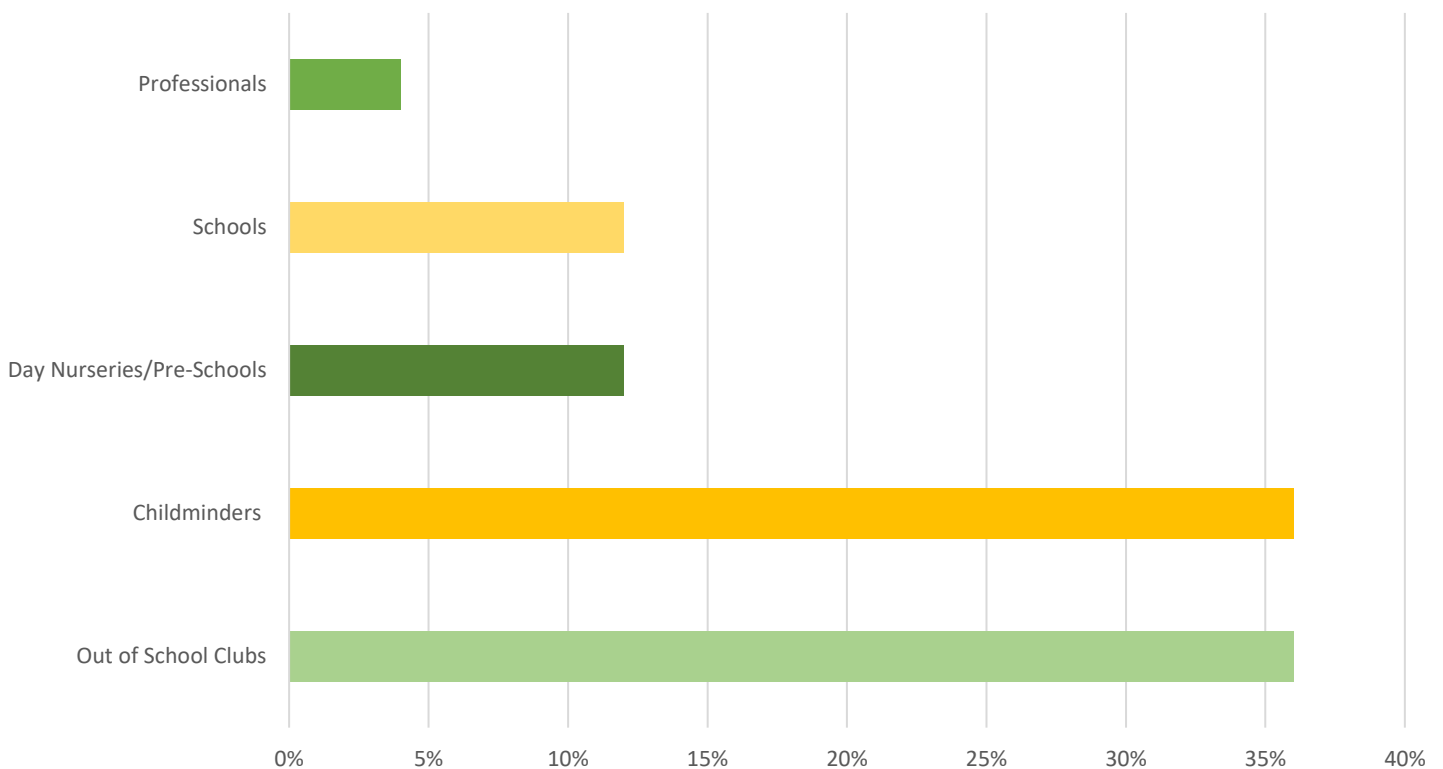
"So inspiring and positive – makes me realise why I do what I do!"

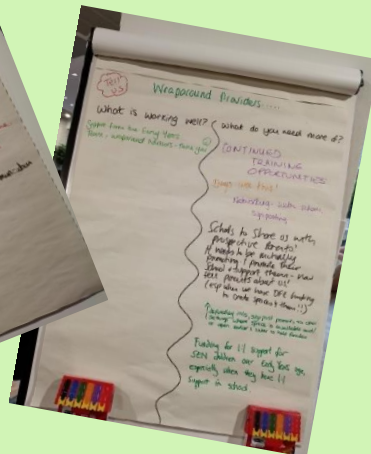
Evaluations tell us....

What part of the day had the most impact for participants:



Overall attendance included representation from:





Useful contacts and websites:

- [Out of School Alliance | The web site of Out of School Alliance](#)
- [HUB for Providers and Schools - childcareworks.org.uk](#)
- [Nottinghamshire users group – The wraparound learning platform](#)
- [Nottshelpyourself](#)
- [ASKLiON | Ask Lion - Nottingham City Directory](#)
- [Early years education and childcare training | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)
- [Family hub networks in Nottinghamshire - information for families | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)