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National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)

What is the National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership? (NPQEYL)

The National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL) is a new, DfE-funded, professional development course offered from autumn 2022 to leaders and aspiring leaders of early years settings.

It is designed to support early years leaders to develop expertise in leading high-quality education and care, as well as in effective staff and organisational management.

The NPQEYL has been designed with leaders and practitioners in mind, using the latest and best available evidence and collective wisdom of the profession to ensure every child in every setting gets the best start in life.

The NPQEYL is aimed at leaders qualified to (at least) Level 3 with a full and relevant qualification, who are, or are aspiring to be:

- managers of Private, Voluntary and Independent nurseries,
- headteachers or leaders of school-based and maintained nurseries, or
- childminders with leadership responsibilities, or
- other early years foundation stage leaders, such as reception class teachers or early years coordinators.

Early years professionals helped us design this course to fit around busy schedules. On average participants will need to spend between 1 and 2 hours per week working towards this NPQ.

Further information about the NPQEYL is available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

What benefits will the NPQEYL bring to early years leaders and the children in their care?

The NPQEYL focuses on the key challenges early years leaders face in their role. This CPD course covers 7 topics, with a mix of self-study, group coaching sessions, and face-to-face sessions with other participants.

It will help participants gain confidence and develop skills in:

- ✓ developing your leadership style
- ✓ delivering high-quality early education and care
- ✓ organisational management
- ✓ giving constructive feedback to parents
- ✓ enhancing the expertise of your staff and supporting their development
- ✓ working with children who have additional and special educational needs

How participants and their settings could benefit:

- ✓ Ensuring all children experience success
- ✓ Delivering a high-quality and ambitious curriculum
- ✓ Managing resources and budgeting effectively
- ✓ Knowing what improvement approaches to use
- ✓ Learning with people from different early years settings
- ✓ Allowing you to build your network and share best practice

Funding



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All teachers and leaders in state-funded schools and colleges will be able to access fully funded places on our NPQ programmes.



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The NPQEYL scholarship is extended to include the PVI sector – Managers of PVIs, childminders and senior leaders of school-based Nurseries are all eligible for fully funded NPQ in Early Years Leadership



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The NPQ for Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL): is it for you?

After just a few months on the NPQEYL, Vicki, Rachel and Jude are enjoying getting back into studying and are already implementing what they're learning.

Take a look to see if the NPQEYL might be the right course for you. A blog has been published on the Foundation Years website. [Take a read here.](#)



The NPQ for Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL): is it for you?

The NPQEYL is free, flexible and designed by sector experts to help professional leaders like you across the EY sector develop their career. It is a comprehensive programme to strengthen your leadership. It also trains you to support children impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as helping you to lead effectively through:

- creating and implementing a vision and policies
- improving staff recruitment, development, management and appraisal
- marketing your setting
- working in partnership with parents and carers.



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“My confidence has grown. I’ve always struggled with formal education. Finding the right provider and the right person to support you can make the world of difference. The training provider has spurred me to want to continue to develop myself.”

Jude

“It’s given me the chance to rethink how we do things, renewing my knowledge and skills, putting what I’ve learned into practice and helping me become a stronger leader.”

Vicki

“I have already recommended the course to other people because it’s thought provoking, so it makes you question your own thoughts, your own opinions, so you’ll be able to challenge the way you do things.”

Jude



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How to apply

Registrations are now open to start October '23

The application involved a two-step process:

1. Apply today on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) in order to receive a fully funded place
2. Apply with a training provider, you can find your local Teaching School here <https://tshc.org.uk/find-your-local-teaching-school-hub/>

For colleagues located in Trafford & Salford and/or Manchester & Stockport your local Teaching School's Hub NPQEYL application form is [here](#)