

## NAFIS Conference 2020

**Monday 16 November**

### **PART 1: INTRODUCTIONS & KEYNOTES**

**10.15- 10.30 :** Welcome

**10.30- 11.00 :** Department for Education

**11.00- 11.30 :** Ofsted

**11.30- 11.45 :** Break

**11.45- 12.00 :** Famiio

**12.00- 12.30 :** Servelec presentation and Q&A

**12.30- 13.30 :** Lunch and networking

### **PART 2: WORKSHOPS**

*Guests will have a choice of attending one of the following workshops...*

**13.30- 14.15 :** Early Years Alliance or  
Buckinghamshire FIS

**14.15- 15.00 :** PACEY or  
Council for Disabled Children

**15.00- 15.45 :** Hempsalls or  
Coram Family & Childcare Parent Champions

### **PART 3: AWARDS & FINAL PRESENTATION**

**16.00- 16.30 :** NAFIS Awards Ceremony & close

**13.30- 14.15**

## **Childcare sufficiency and sustainability with Neil Leitch, Early Years Alliance**

Neil will discuss the challenges facing childcare providers and what's working to help support the sector locally.

### **About Neil**

Neil Leitch is the chief executive of the Pre-school Learning Alliance, the largest voluntary sector childcare operator in the UK. As the largest early years membership organisation in England, the Alliance also represents 14,000 nurseries, pre-schools, and childminders, who in turn support more than 800,000 families.

**OR**

## **Social media Q&A with Liz Connick and Ryan Robinson, Buckinghamshire FIS**

Liz and Ryan will join us to answer your social media queries in this interactive session.

*(Please submit your questions to Hannah Parlett in advance of this Q&A.)*

### **About Liz & Ryan**

Liz joined Buckinghamshire Council in October 2006 and leads on the development of the website and social media. Ryan joined the service in 2016, and works on every aspect of our digital marketing efforts from contributing to digital strategy and planning of promotions, through to content creation and campaign delivery. BFIS commenced using social media in March 2012 and have supported other FIS's in setting up their own social media channels.

## **14.15- 15.00**

### **Local offer with Chris Rees, Philippa Stobbs and Caroline Coady, Council for Disabled Children**

Chris, Philippa and Caroline will discuss what their work with families and local authorities has shown about what is needed from the Local Offer and what works in meeting local need.

#### **About Chris, Philippa and Caroline**

Chris Rees is Senior Development Officer and one of the driving forces behind the activities of the Information, Advice and Support Services Network (IASS Network). Philippa Stobbs is CDC's resident expert on disability and special educational needs, leading their work on education and equality and oversees the Special Educational Consortium. Caroline Coady is an Assistant Director at CDC where she is responsible for Partnerships and Social Care.

**OR**

### **Take-up of early education with Theresa Johnson, PACEY**

Theresa will discuss the Together for Twos project and how to increase take-up of 2 year old funding

#### **About Theresa**

As Together for Twos Project Manager for PACEY, Theresa has been managing a DfE funded project since October 2018 to increase the take up of 2 year old funding in 7 local authorities. She has worked collaboratively both locally and nationally with DWP to ensure job centre staff have information, advice and guidance about childcare and funding. Since the start of the pandemic she has focused on supporting the early years and childcare workforce with business sustainability and providing additional resources to support disadvantaged families and vulnerable children.

**15.00- 15.45**

## **Childcare Sufficiency Assessments with James Hempsall**

James will share his take on CSAs within a COVID-19 context and will set out his observations of what's changed in terms of parental need, demand and preferences.

### **About James**

James founded Hempsall's over 20 years ago to provide training, research and consultancy support for everyone working to develop and deliver early years and childcare. He leads the team's work in childcare sufficiency assessment, business support, and childcare places and take-up strategies. He also lead the implementation of two-year-old funding and 30 hours through the key DfE national support contracts (Achieving Two Year Olds 2012-2016 and Childcare Works 2016-2020).

**OR**

## **Two-year old take-up with Megan Jarvie, Coram Family and Childcare**

Megan will discuss strategies for increasing the take-up of early years education and the work of Parent Champions

### **About Megan**

Megan has been Head of Coram Family and Childcare since November 2018 and has worked for Coram Family and Childcare since 2016, previously working as Head of Policy and Communications. Megan is a leading voice for families, parents and childcare, and makes a demonstrable difference to policy on families and childcare in the UK.