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Building Community Connections through Early Years Cycling Partnerships

Play on Pedals is an exciting initiative that supports children's physical development, confidence and wellbeing through fun balance and pedal bike activities. Delivered across a number of PKC early years settings, the project has also played an important role in building strong, meaningful partnerships between private nurseries and local authority school nurseries.

By working together, settings have been able to share practice, develop staff skills and strengthen links within their local communities.

This case study highlights three examples of successful collaboration:

- Apple Tree Nursery and St Ninian's Primary School Nursery
- ABC Nursery and St Ninian's Primary School Nursery and Honey-pot
- Almondbank Nursery and Methven Primary School Nursery

Aims of the project

- To promote physical development, balance, coordination and cycling confidence in pre-school children
- To develop partnerships and strengthen transition links between private nurseries and local authority school nurseries
- To build community connections through shared play experiences
- To enhance practitioners' skills and support long-term sustainability through Play on Pedals training

Curriculum links

- **Curriculum for Excellence (CfE):** Health and Wellbeing, Social Studies, Literacy and Numeracy
- **Realising the Ambition: Being Me (RtA):** Play-based pedagogy, transitions and community engagement

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Find out how outdoor learning and play can encourage climate action

Ahead of Earth Day on 22 April, discover how learning and playing outdoors supports climate action and why it matters more than ever before.

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Training Offer 2026

Training Offer 2025-26

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Moving and Handling (Full Training)
Mon 20 Apr, 09:00



Introduction to Pre Registration for
Tue 21 Apr, 09:30



Introduction to Pre Registration for
Tue 21 Apr, 18:30



Risk in Play
Tue 28 Apr, 18:30



Play on Pedals
Tue 5 May, 09:00



Food Safety Management
Wed 6 May, 15:30



Positive Relationships
Tue 12 May, 18:30



Outdoor Play and Learning at Westbank ELC
Thu 14 May, 15:30



ELC Induction
Wed 20 May, 18:00



Introduction to Leadership and
Tue 26 May, 18:30



Moving and Handling (Refresher)
Fri 29 May, 09:00



Introduction to Child Development
Thu 4 Jun, 18:30



Child Protection Officer Training
Mon 8 Jun, 09:30



Child Protection Recognition and
Tue 9 Jun, 18:30



Moving and Handling (ELC – No Hoist)
Mon 22 Jun, 09:00

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ELC Leadership Programme graduation



from left to right: Rachel Cross (Errol PS), Lynsey Simpson (Tulloch PS), Alison Brown (Humpty Dumpty Nursery), Claire Reid (ESO), Annie Carr (QIO), Jane Mudd (Mudd Partnership)

Congratulations to Rachel Cross (Errol PS), Lynsey Simpson (Tulloch PS), Alison Brown (Humpty Dumpty Nursery), Craig Torrens (Braco PS), Gemma McEachen (Breadalbane) and Claire Reid (ELC Central Team) who successfully completed the programme this year.

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Barefoot Free Online Computational Thinking Workshops

What will the workshop cover?

Designed to boost subject knowledge and confidence, this workshop will introduce you to computational thinking in the Early Years and help you get started with Barefoot.

During the online interactive session, you will give some of Barefoot's Early Years activities a try and see how computational thinking links with the Early Years framework. You'll also be introduced to the Barefoot website and our fantastic range of resources designed especially for Early Years.

Early Years Workshops are all hosted online through either Microsoft Teams, Zoom or Google Meet. Workshops typically last around 60 minutes – with plenty of time to ask questions.

Take a look at the available sessions and book your place above. You will then be sent an email with next steps and joining instructions. If you have a bespoke workshop request, please contact us at enquiries@barefootcomputing.org

13 April 2026 15:45 to 17:00

19 May 2026 15:45 to 17:00

11 June 2026 15:45 to 17:00

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