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Children's Rights in Early Years Network (CREYN) 2024 Update:

During 2024 we held four network meetings and shared/discussed a range of topics.

- **Child Poverty Strategy**

[Child Poverty Strategy for Wales 2024 | GOV.WALES](#)

The Children's Commissioners Office provided their insight into the strategy and a discussion with members focused on the impact for Early Years Rights.

- **NEST/NYTH Framework**

[NEST framework \(mental health and wellbeing\): introduction | GOV.WALES](#)

Millie Boswell from Welsh Government provided an overview of the Framework and its implementation. Members had the opportunity to discuss and ask further questions.

- **Early Years Framework for Action**

phw.nhs.wales/topics/the-first-1000-days-programme/resources/the-first-1000-days-a-golden-opportunity-to-build-a-fairer-future-infographic/

Public Health Wales provided an overview of the work they are doing as they take a collaborative approach to developing a shared framework for action to protect and improve early years health and wellbeing in Wales (0-7). Members were asked to comment on the developments of themes for this work.

- **Child Participation in Early Childhood Education**

Nadine Correia gave members a detailed overview of her research focusing on - Child Participation in Early Childhood Education: Bridging Rights, Research, and Practice with Insights from Portugal.

- **Toddler, tech and talk**

[Toddlers, Tech and Talk: groundbreaking study into how children under three use technology - Swansea University](#)

Prof. Janet Goodall from Swansea University gave an overview of the Toddler, tech and talk research and shared insights so far. A wider discussion took place around digital rights [Childrens_Digital_Rights.pdf](#)

Baby Voice Pledge

A steering group made up of CREYN members has been established and with funding secured through Swansea University and Children in Wales the pledge consultation work is underway.

The aims of the pledge are:

- To set out what babies should expect from those around them.
- To support the voice of the baby in a range of settings and environments and enable services and communities to meet the specific needs of babies.
- To be used as a tool for everyone to understand that babies have their own minds are capable communicators and have a voice that must be listened to.

The second stage of consultation which will include workshops and focus groups is taking place in February, with plans to launch the Pledge in April/May 2025.

Children's Rights Leaflets

CREYN members supported and provided input into the development of Children's Rights leaflets to support the work of the Early Childhood Play, Learning and Care approach for 0–5-year-olds in Wales. The leaflets developed cover:

- what Children's Rights are,
- the United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child,
- how to support babies and young children's rights from age 0-5 years

The [A3 leaflet](#) has been developed for practitioners and the four [A4 leaflets](#) have been developed for parents. Both sets cover Here I am! (0-12 months) I'm exploring! (1-2 years) Look at me now! (2-3 years) and Watch me go, here I come! (3-5 years).

CREYN Conference

Plans for the 2025 conference were discussed and theme and date were agreed. The conference will take place on 21st May and is entitled 'Early Years Rights in Practice – Research Informed Practice'.

CREYN Advert

An advert/flyer was produced for the Network to recruit new members and in response we welcomed a range of new members from Public Health Wales to Early Years Practitioners.

The Network is open to any professional who has an interest in Early Years Rights.



**DO YOU WORK WITH BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN'S RIGHTS?**

Come and join the Children's Rights in Early Years Network (CREYN)

The Network is made up of a range of professionals who have an interest in young children's rights, including those who work in Universities, Local Authorities, Charities, Early Years settings and much more.

The Network aims:

- To bridge the gap between practice, policy and research
- Share and exchange knowledge and understanding
- Collectively advocate for rights of Babies and Young Children

We meet online four times a year, take part in project work and hold an annual conference.

Get in touch to find out more!



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