

Dear all,

Whole School SEND is delivering the Department for Education's Universal SEND Services Contract. It brings together schools, organisations and individuals who are committed to ensuring that every child and young person with SEND can maximise their potential.

SENDCos from Hillingdon are invited to participate in a Professional Development Group in which participants will learn how to use the Preparation for Adulthood from the Earliest Years Guide. They will then be supported to drive school improvement through an Inclusion-specific whole school project over two terms.

You can sign up by [following the link here](#), and adding your name and contact details.

Inclusion is important to get right for all children. The increased number of children with more complex needs presents particular challenges to mainstream schools. The Preparation for Adulthood from the Earliest Years Review Guide from Whole School SEND is a tool that school leaders can use to identify SEND strategic objectives and develop an effective development plan. [You can watch a recording of some recent training here](#).

The course structure, and how it will be delivered :

Session 1:

In person - Tuesday 17th September 2024, 10am-2pm (9:30 arrival)

Location - tbc

- Introduction to Preparation for Adulthood from the Earliest Years, and the Whole School SEND PfAEY Review Guide.
- Identify aspects of PfAEY for strategic development within own schools
- Develop an understanding of how the EEF implementation cycle supports effective strategic improvement
- Create a PfA Action Plan for own school.

Session 2:

Online - Tuesday 22nd October, 4pm - 5:45pm

- The delivery stage - a focus on how to support staff, monitor progress, solve problems, and adapt strategies as the approach is used for the first time.

Session 3:

Online - Tuesday 11th February 2025 5pm - 5:45pm

- The sustaining stage - planning to sustain and scale your PfAEY intervention from the outset, and continuously acknowledge and nurture its use.

Session 4:

In person - Tuesday 17th June, 1pm - 3:30pm

Location - tbc

- Sharing project success and building a community of best practice.

1:1 coaching sessions will be available after session 1 (in person) and before session 3 (on Zoom)

Practical tasks:

- To complete at least one section of the PfAEY self-evaluation
- To complete the course learning journal

Kind regards,

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