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National Professional Qualification for **Early Years Leadership**



Become an expert in Early Years Education

- > An 18-month Early Years Leadership accreditation
- > Flexible learning to suit your timetable
- > Designed for early years leaders
- > Fully funded for disadvantaged settings

Be an early years expert

Do you want to develop your expertise in early years care and education to help young people succeed at all stages in life?

This programme gives you the knowledge to excel as a leader in your early years setting.

Benefits for early years practitioners

> Thrive as a leader

Through evidence-based professional development, you'll learn what great early years learning looks like and how to lead others and your setting. You'll also look at what others can learn from you.

> Close the gap

Evidence shows that high quality care and education in early years is fundamental for a child's development, preparing them for success in all stages of life.* We'll help you to develop the knowledge to deliver this to the children you support.

> Train to your timetable

This is a flexible programme, designed to fit around your existing work commitments. Most of the training can be completed at a time that suits you.

> Connect with peers

You'll train with people from other early years settings, sharing your experiences and building a strong support network.

> Tailor your training

The programme allows you to apply the theory to your early years' setting.

Benefits for early years settings

> Give young people the best start

Equipping your leaders with evidence-based training on what good care and education looks like will help to create a level playing field for children in the early stages of life.

> Benefit from tailored training

This is the first NPQ designed specifically for early years practitioners. It will develop expertise that can be applied to identifying and addressing persistent and common challenges in early years leadership.

> Invest in high-quality professional development

Participants will learn how to unpack and apply learning across all aspects of the early years – and support their colleagues to develop in these areas too.

> Create a 'golden thread'

The NPQs are all aligned. Right from the start, your leaders will benefit from an evidence-based framework with a common language that they can pass onto colleagues.

> Tap into a network

Your leaders will train alongside peers from other early years settings, supported by facilitators who fully understand their needs.

What does the training include?

This programme follows the Department for Education's new NPQ for Early Years Leadership framework.

You will learn how to

- > Set a strategic direction for your early years setting and apply ambitious standards for all children
- > Champion evidence-based practice
- > Plan and deliver care and a high-quality curriculum to support children's development
- > Establish communication, language and literacy approaches to support children's learning
- > Make sure all children experience success
- > Identify children who need support and make appropriate referrals
- > Create an environment for all children and colleagues where everyone feels welcome and safe.

How is the training delivered?

The content is delivered through blended learning. This includes a mix of real-time interactive online sessions, face-to-face training, peer-led sessions and self-guided modules which you complete in your own time.

How much does the training cost?

Department for Education-funded scholarships are available for those 50% of schools with the highest proportion of students who attract pupil premium funding in England.

Funding is also available for early years settings identified as having high disadvantage.

Contact us to find out if you're eligible.

If your setting isn't eligible, the NPQ in Early Years Leadership costs £1,140 plus VAT.

You can find your local delivery partner and their contact details on this [map](#).



91% of teachers and school leaders would recommend their Ambition NPQ to a colleague
(Ambition Institute participant survey, October 2024, 6,670 respondents)

*Sources: Barnett, W. S. (1995). "Long-term effects of early childhood programs on cognitive and school outcomes". The Future of Children, 25-50. Heckman, J., Pinto, R. and Savelyev, P. (2013). "Understanding the mechanisms through which an influential early childhood program boosted adult outcomes". American Economic Review 103(6), 2052-2086.

Note: programme content is subject to change.



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About Ambition Institute


A great teacher changes the future every day. They can be the critical factor in a child's success, especially for those who have had a tough start in life. At Ambition Institute, we support teachers and school leaders at every stage of their careers, helping them to keep getting better.

We are a charity providing training and professional development based on the most rigorous research and evidence about what really works. Together, we're shaping the future of education to give every child the best start in life.

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