

APPG for Early Education and Childcare

Tuesday 9 December 2025, 11.00-12.30

Online via Zoom

[Register to attend](#)

We are delighted to invite you to the APPG on Early Education and Childcare.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for parliamentarians and sector colleagues to hear from experts and discuss challenges and solutions to build a strong and sustainable early education and childcare sector.

This meeting will include insight and discussion on the following themes:

- Findings from the final report of Early Education's comparative analysis of early years workforce policy in the four UK nations
- Improving quality and early education outcomes for children through professional development

This meeting is being chaired by James MacCleary MP and hosted by Campaign for Learning, the secretariat for the APPG, with the support of the APPG's sponsors: NCFE CACHE, Tapestry, NDNA and the University of Leeds.

11.00 Welcome and introduction

Chair of the APPG, James MacCleary MP and APPG sponsors

11.10 It is rocket science: professionalising the early childhood workforce in the UK

A comparative analysis of early years workforce policy in the four UK nations

Professor Verity Campbell-Barr, Professor in Early Childhood Education and Director of Plymouth Institute of Education at the University of Plymouth

11.30 Investing in the workforce to establish and sustain high-quality early education environments: current context and recommendations

Janet King, Sector Manager Education and Childcare, NCFE

11.45 Questions and discussion forum

12.25 Summary

12.30 Close