

# The Bristol Standard Newsletter <sup>1</sup>



The Bristol Standard Newsletter provides news and information to settings to support their reflection and development to improve outcomes for children and families across the city.

## The Bristol Standard Celebration Evening was held at Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery on Thursday 13th November.

Practitioners across the city who undertake the Bristol Standard Quality Improvement Scheme were invited to a celebratory event in recognition of their commitment to improve the quality and effectiveness of their provision for 0-5 year olds and for children in play and out of school settings.



They were entertained with a medley of music and dance from the children of Southville Centre Nursery and Out of School Club. Michael Follett gave an impassioned keynote speech inspiring practitioners to consider their values based approach to play across all ages.

<http://www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>



The event was also an opportunity to launch the **3rd edition of the Bristol Standard for Play Provision** folder, and an inspiring booklet of 'Celebration Stories.' This is a collection of

testimonies from settings in Plymouth, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Slough, Barnet, South Gloucestershire, Bath and North East Somerset, and Bristol who have undertaken the Bristol Standard process in order to reflect, evaluate and improve on their previous best to benefit children and young people. This is now available as an e book at

<http://bristolearlyyearsresearch.org.uk/tbscs.html>

Anyone who works in the Early Years or Play Sectors can undertake the Bristol Standard.

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/children-and-young-people/bristol-standard>

## Childminders Report (December 2014) mentions The Bristol Standard.

The National Centre for Social Research has published a report which highlights the importance of maintaining and improving the quality of provision, citing the Bristol Standard as an example of a quality improvement tool.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childcare-provision-views-and-experiences-of-childminders>

## OfSTED and The Bristol Standard.

Realising how integral your Bristol Standard folder is it to the inspection visit is key. It is evidence of your self-evaluation. Having the confidence to showcase your Bristol Standard as fundamental to your practice will be supportive. Ofsted inspectors are looking at evidence of effective self-reflection and self-evaluation, the impact and who is involved in this. Managers/practitioners should use their BS folder to evidence what they are talking to the inspector about. You could open the discussion with "this is my Bristol Standard folder, can I talk you through the key points."