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**Bristol & Bath ECHO and Early Education present,**

***'Researchful Practice': Educators as Researchers for Educational Change***

**Saturday 27th April, 2024 -10.30am to 1pm**

**Venue: Bristol University School of Education-Please bring your own cup (BYOC)**

ECHO and Early Education are delighted to host a researchful practice morning seminar with keynote speaker **Professor Chris Pascal**. In addition, **Dr. Frances Giampapa's** research toolkit will be showcased, along with insights into reflective practice from Bristol practitioners **Cassie Holland**, Archfield House Nursery, & **Mitch Cole**, Woodland House Nursery.



Chris's keynote presentation, ***Flourishing Children Matter: Evidencing the Eudaemonic***, will promote the value of **practice-based inquiry** in providing robust and ethical evidence about **daily pedagogic processes** that secure children's **wellbeing and fulfilment**. Chris will explore how **informed practitioners** sit at the heart of securing these goals by providing children with the **conditions for their flourishing**. Recognising practitioners **complex and concrete real-world knowledge**, and their **shared, acquired reflections and wisdom**, Chris will argue for this **expertise** to feed into our sector's evidence

base more visibly. Drawing on examples of current practitioner projects, the key note will demonstrate that **practitioners can use systematic and rigorous real world, qualitative methodologies** to evidence **excellence in practice** and identify those pedagogic processes that **encourage our children to flourish, thrive and live with greater fulfilment and wellbeing**.

Frances will share insights from the ***Researchful Practice Toolkit Project*** (2022/23) that supports '**research engaged and research active practice**'. Local educators, Johnny Swingler and Lucy Sherman, will reflect on experiences of **developing research projects**, using the toolkit in their settings, along with **lessons learned** from being **researchful practitioners**.

Cassie and Mitch will summarise their settings' journeys using ***The Bristol Standard***, a tool developed in Bristol over 25 years ago that enables early years and play providers to **reflect deeply on practice**, in order to **benefit children**.

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**About our presenters**

**Professor Christine Pascal** is Co-Director of the Centre for Research in Early Childhood (CREC). With Prof. Tony Bertram and Prof Ferre Laevers, she set up the European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA) in 1991 and are editors of its SSCI-rated journal. Chris was awarded the OBE by the Queen for her services to early childhood in 2001. She has been specialist adviser to the UK Government for more than 20 years. She has published widely and her major interest is in developing high quality services for young children and their families. Recently she has undertaken several evidence reviews for the EYFS, The Scouting Association, the Football Association and is currently partner in a project which is documenting and evaluating Froebelian practice in England and New Zealand.

**Dr. Frances Giampapa** is a Senior Lecturer in Education (TESOL/Applied Linguistics) at the School of Education, University of Bristol. She is a leader in research on identities (learner and teacher) and the role of language in the reproduction of social inequalities in educational systems. Her research uses critical ethnography, participatory and arts-based methods to interrogate the ways schools harness children and families' funds of knowledge. Frances holds a University Enterprise Fellowship (2023/24) for the Researchful Practice Toolkit which supports early years educators to build and enhance their research literacy.

**Johnny Swingler** is Acting Head Teacher at Filton Avenue Nursery School and Children's Centre in Bristol

**Lucy Sherman** is Pre-School & Nursery Manager at Fairford Church of England Primary School, Gloucestershire

**Cassie Holland** and **Mitch Cole** will represent Archfield House & Woodland House Nurseries. Archfield House is a family run nursery which has been open since 1986. They won the 2023 Nursery World Nursery of the Year Award where they were praised for their child-led learning and holistic approach to supporting individual children's needs. Woodland House Nursery is the sister nursery of Archfield and was opened in 2009. They are both affiliated with the University of Bristol.

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**Venue address:** School of Education, Bristol University, 35 Berkeley Square, Bristol, BS8 1JA.

The best car park is Trenchard Street. (1hr parking only in Berkeley Square):

[Trenchard Street - Car Park \(parkopedia.co.uk\)](https://www.parkopedia.co.uk/trenchard-street-car-park)

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