

# TACTYC

Association for Professional  
Development in Early Years



**‘Voices from and for the Early Years’:  
Professional Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

*what we need, what we want and what we get*

## **Saturday 20th June**

**Free Online Conference**

Our 2020 one-day free online conference brings together leading speakers and early childhood colleagues to debate and discuss professional development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: what we need, what we want and what we get



## **‘Voices from and for the Early Years’: Professional Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

TACTYC presents this special online conference for all those working in early childhood education and care, including **practitioners, advisors, EYs leaders and academics**. The TACTYC 2020 Conference will focus on **‘Voices from and for the Early Years’: Professional Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. Delegates will gain fresh perspectives and will be able to contribute to a discussion on challenges and opportunities for professional development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

### **What did delegates say about our recent TACTYC Conferences?**

‘Extremely beneficial and reinvigorating’ - ‘Many different professionals shared experiences and thoughts’ - ‘Really valuable’ - ‘A safe friendly environment to learn and reflect’ - ‘Totally refreshing’ - ‘Informative’ - ‘Space to think’ - ‘The chance to hear how the latest research can impact on my practice’ - ‘Fantastic’

The conference opens at **9:45am on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020** and closes at **12:30pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020**. TACTYC’s AGM will also be held at the conference, from 12:00pm to 12:30pm.

### **2020 online Conference. How to register**

The 2020 Conference is online and free. However, to secure the most favourable conditions for debate and active participation, the number of delegates is limited to 100, on a first-come, first served basis.

After registration, delegates will be provided with the address of the online conference and a password to access it.

**To register for the 2020 TACTYC Conference please contact  
Penny Borkett - [pennyb41@aol.com](mailto:pennyb41@aol.com)**

## **Keynote presentation: 'You always listen, you never don't hear'**

### **Dr Carla Solvason**

Carla is Senior Lecturer at the University of Worcester in the Department for Children and Families. Her key research interest is ethics and how we live this through our professional practice and our research. Her previous research projects include supporting EY language development and the impact of leadership clusters.

### **Dr Rebecca Webb**

Rebecca is a Lecturer in Education in the School of Education and Social Work at the University of Sussex. She co-leads an MA in Early Years Education (with EYTS) and is co-director of the Centre for Research and Innovation in Childhood and Youth (CIRCY). Her research interests are predominantly ethnographic and focus on children's voice and participation; and transformative/'uncertain' pedagogies and practice.

### **Carla and Rebecca: an overview of their research and keynote presentation**

*Our research involved listening to Maintained Nursery School practitioners and leaders as they shared with us their accountabilities, their values, their successes and their fears. Through survey, interview, and setting visits we discovered generations of knowledge and highly skilled pedagogy which encompassed the whole family unit and enabled the most deprived children to thrive. But more importantly we found endless depths of compassion, for the vulnerable families and children that these practitioners selflessly supported. Most poignant of our findings was the sadness that so many practitioners expressed, that despite rapidly developing creditable entrepreneurial skills to cope with the cuts in funding year on year, they finally felt that there was 'no slack left' and that closure was inevitable.*

## **2020 online Conference. Special membership opportunity**

With the outbreak of the Corona virus, many early years teacher trainers, students and professionals may be feeling more isolated than ever.

To support our early years community we are introducing a temporary 6-month membership for just **£5**. Through our new blog and free online conference we hope to capture the voice of the sector and help it to be heard.

**Visit <https://tactyc.org.uk/who-can-join/> to join TACTYC today**



## Conference Programme

9:45-9:50	Welcome
9:50-10:35	<p>Keynote presentation:  <i>Dr Carla Solvason and Dr Rebecca Webb</i></p> <p><i>'You always listen, you never don't hear'</i></p>
10:35-10:45	Break
10:45-11:40	<p>Discussion Forum          Dialogue between TACTYC Trustees &amp; Delegates</p> <p>(i) Professional Development 'what we need, what we want and what we get'          (ii) 'Voices from and for the Early Years' Professional Development</p>
11:40-11:50	Students' Award
11.50-12.00	<p>Closing Thoughts          'The question of "Who will speak?" is less crucial than "who will listen"?' (<i>Spivak 1990, p.59</i>)</p>
12.00-12.30	AGM