

iACTYC

Association for Professional
Development in Early Years



**Exploring Transitions for children, families, and
professionals in 2021
Professional Development for the 21st Century**

*Where have we been, where are we now, and where
are we going?*

Saturday 19th June

Free Online Conference

Our 2021 one-day free online conference brings together leaders, speakers and early childhood colleagues to debate and discuss transition for the 21st Century: *Where have we been, where are we now, and where are we going?*



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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 2021 Conference will focus on **‘Transitions’: Professional Development for the 21st Century**. Delegates will gain fresh perspectives and will be able to contribute to a discussion on challenges and opportunities relating to transitions in the 21st 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’ - ‘Provocative perspectives’ - ‘The chance to hear how the latest research can impact on my practice’ - ‘Fantastic’ – ‘Belonging’

The conference opens at **9:30am on Saturday 19th June, 2021** and closes at **12:30pm on Saturday 19th June, 2021**. TACTYC’s AGM will also be held at the conference, from 12:00pm to 12:30pm, all members welcome.

2021 online Conference. How to register

The 2021 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.

Register for the 2021 TACTYC Conference [here](#)

Keynote presentation: 'Exploring transition'

by Dr Aline-Wendy Dunlop, Emeritus Professor, University of Strathclyde, Scotland

At every turn in a long career in education, **Aline-Wendy** has been drawn to understand the changes we expect children to navigate on their educational journeys. Practising first as a teacher, and later as a teacher-educator and researcher, her work includes a longitudinal study of transitions with a single cohort of children from the ages of three to school leaving. Perspectives of families, educators and children were integral to that study. This work led to an interest in educational environments, curriculum, and children's wellbeing and involvement in their educational experiences. Aline-Wendy she has supported policy development for staff development, leadership and transitions and most recently in covid times she has come to believe that a contextualist approach to transitions is helpful. Mulling this over as she plans for this presentation, she will ask what this means for children, their families, and professionals and asks how this could help in policy terms.

With the luxury of time, **Aline-Wendy** has chosen to focus her current research, conference, networking and writing interests on educational transitions across the lifespan, autism, family engagement in education, the very youngest children, practitioner beliefs and practices and leadership and policy in the early years. Working variously in early childhood, primary and special education, a residential home for mothers and babies, as a home-visiting teacher, a nursery head and later as a teacher educator and researcher, Aline-Wendy remains deeply influenced by her Froebel education. Now Emeritus Professor in the School of Education at the University of Strathclyde, she continues to research and write and to play and learn with her grandchildren.

2021 online Conference. Discounted membership opportunity

You do not need to be a member of TACTYC to join the conference but with the ongoing impact of Covid, many early years students, practitioners and professionals may be feeling more isolated than ever. **To support our early years community we are re-introducing a temporary 6-month membership for just £5.**

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Conference Programme

9.30-9.35	House-keeping
9:35-9:45	Welcome
9:50-10:35	Keynote presentation: <i>'Exploring transitions'</i> Dr Aline-Wendy Dunlop, University of Strathclyde
10:35-10:45	Break
10:45-11:05	Discussion Forum Dialogue between TACTYC Trustees & Delegates (i) Children & Families Transitions (ii) Professional Transitions (iii) Policy Transitions
11.05-11.40	Discussion Forum – Group Feedback Dialogue between Dr Aline-Wendy Dunlop, TACTYC Trustees & Delegates
11:40-11:50	Students' Award
11.50-12.00	Closing Thoughts
12.00-12.30	AGM