



# Getting It Right in the Baby Room

West Offices, York, 26 April 2025

# About the conference

'Getting it right in the baby room' is a conference dedicated to baby room educators and nursery managers. Today will be an inspiring day with incredible speakers, delicious food, engaging workshops and the chance to network with early years professionals from across York.

This conference is part of the research project 'Achieving high-quality provision in the baby room of English nurseries', funded by the Nuffield Foundation.

We will be exploring big questions around the baby room, including:

- What does a great baby room look like?
- What makes an amazing baby room educator?
- What do babies need and how can we make sure the baby room delivers?

By attending this conference, you'll be sharing your voice around the future of quality in the baby room. To learn more, visit [thebabyroomblog.com](http://thebabyroomblog.com)

# Plan for the day

9.30 am	Registration and coffee
10.00 am	Keynote
10.30 am	Focus group
11.15 am	Coffee
11.30 am	Workshop 1
12.45 pm	Lunch
1.45 pm	Workshop 2
3.00 pm	Tea and plenary
3.45 pm	Finish

# The research team



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# About the speakers

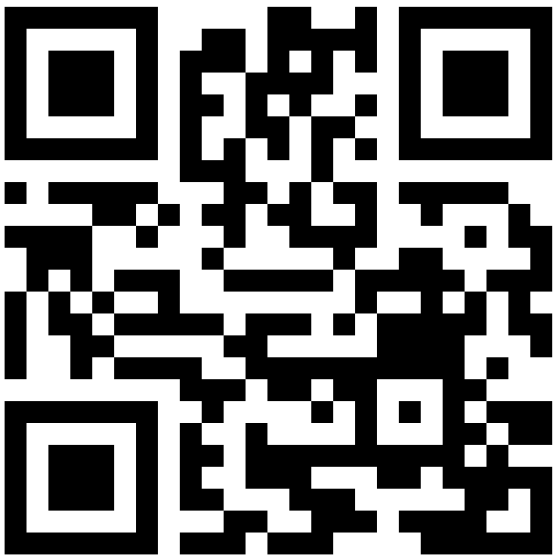


**Dr Gemma Goldenberg** is a psychologist and education expert with 2 decades of experience working in nurseries and primary schools. A writer and speaker, Gemma uses the latest brain science to help us understand what babies need and how our practice in the baby room responds to these needs.



**Cassie Holland** co-leads the birth to three network as part of the Bristol and Beyond Stronger Practice Hub & Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub and is one of the managers at Archfield House Nursery in Bristol. Cassie's workshop will focus on the rhythm of the day in the baby room and how it can be so much more than just a daily routine.





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