



# Getting It Right in the Baby Room

The Studio Manchester, 14 June 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 Manchester.

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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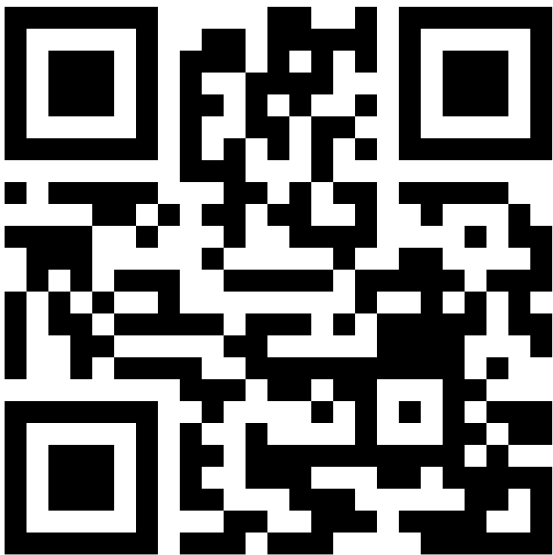
# About the speakers



**Professor Sam Wass** is a child psychologist and neuroscientist who studied at Oxford, London, and Cambridge. He is Director of the Institute for the Science of Early Years (ISEY - [www.isey.org](http://www.isey.org)) in East London, where they study how early living environments influence early typical and atypical development, including ADHD, Autism, and anxiety.



**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 is also a leading figure in the UK's beach school movement.



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