



Getting It Right in the Baby Room

Falmouth University, Cornwall, 28 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 Cornwall.

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

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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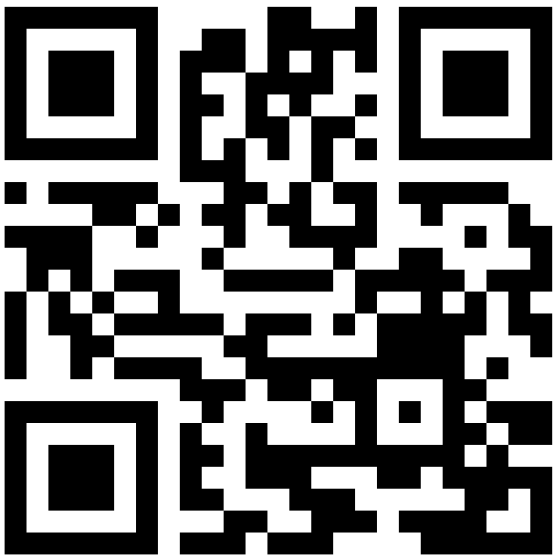
About the speakers



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



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