

SEND CONFERENCE 2027

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Thursday 11th February 2027 from 9:30am to 4:00pm

Venue: The Fielder Centre, Hatfield, Herts AL10 9TP

Time	Details				Location
8:45 – 9:25am	Conference registration				Foyer
9:30 – 9:45am	Conference Welcome & SEND Reflections Louise Barrell, Lead SEND Adviser, HFL Education Carole Bennett, CEO, HFL Education				Conference Room
9:45 – 9:55am	Welcome from HCC Director of Inclusion and Skills Sam Rostom, Children’s Services, Hertfordshire County Council				
9:55 – 10:55am	Inclusive Teaching for Every Classroom Alex Quigley, Consultant and Author				
10:55 – 11:10am	Exhibitors’ Dragon’s Den – chaired by Natalie Fogden, SEND Adviser, HFL Education An opportunity to hear from exhibitors about who they are and how their products and services can help you.				
11:10 – 11:30am	Refreshments, networking & exhibition				Function Room
11:30am-12:15pm	Inclusion: Ofsted framework Rakesh Patel, SHMI, Ofsted				Conference Room
12:20 – 1:00pm	Session 1: Workshops A-D				
	Workshop A: Belonging from the beginning: Creating inclusive EYFS provision through early identification and responsive practice Early Years Jennie Ferguson, District Early Years Adviser	Workshop B: Oracy in English: From participation to belonging Primary and Secondary Kayleigh Valentini, English Teaching and Learning Adviser	Workshop C: Foundational learning in the wider curriculum Primary and secondary Claire Watson, Curriculum Adviser	Workshop D: Using AI to support the SENCO role (1) All phases Fiona Tobin, Secondary School Effectiveness Adviser	
1:00 – 2:00pm	Lunch, networking and exhibition				Function Room

	Session 2: Workshops E-H			
	Workshop E: <i>RSHE and SEND</i> All phases Tracey Harper, Wellbeing Adviser	Workshop F: <i>When foundations in maths are fragile: Knowing what to look for & what to do next.</i> Early Years and Primary Nicola Randall, Maths Teaching and Learning Adviser	Workshop G: <i>Knowing Children and Young People’s Starting Points</i> Primary and Secondary Sophie MacNeill, Assessment Adviser	Workshop H: <i>Using AI to support the SENCO role (2)</i> All phases Fiona Tobin, Secondary School Effectiveness Adviser
2:00-2:40pm				
2:40 – 2:55pm	Refreshments, networking & exhibition			Function Room
2:55 – 3:55pm	Building Learning Communities Where Everyone Belongs: From Inclusion to Everyday Practice Dr Sarah Moseley, Educational Consultant			Conference Room
3:55 – 4:00pm	Raffle, closing remarks & conference close Louise Barrell, Lead SEND Adviser, HFL Education			