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Event 5. Early Childhood Education: from past to present

Speaker: [Professor Cathy Nutbrown](#)

Thursday 12th March 2009 – 5.00pm to 6.30pm

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Early Childhood Education in the 21st century is the subject of much modern policy making. Those who work in the early childhood field have experienced huge policy shifts which have affected working conditions, pedagogy, curriculum, staff qualifications and even radical changes the terminology used to describe their work. This talk will explore what history can offer modern practice and examine some important ideas behind current policies and practices. Key themes *from past to present* will be discussed: children's rights; the arts and creativity; literacy; play, learning and pedagogy; early intervention; home learning and parents, and Inclusion. The talk is open to all who work with or for young children.