

Workshops

Playtime

National Conference 2026

Morning



SUPPORTING FAMILIES - ADDITIONAL NEEDS

PIPPA ANKERS & HEATHER COUPLAND

How can we best support those who have additional needs? Is it a whole new ball game? The seminar will help you identify existing foundations and how you can build on them. We will look at some practical ways to respond to a worried parent, and how to handle challenging behaviour.



MINISTRY IN 3 DIMENSIONS

MARK GRIFFITHS

Mark will explore how effective ministry to children is based on three central worlds – family, wider community and evangelism. During this seminar we'll look at each of these and how they help in our task of community transformation.



JESUS IN EVERY PART OF YOUR GROUP

LUCIE-JO LEWIS

This seminar will look at how our groups can gently and naturally introduce Jesus, not as something added on, but as part of everyday life. Drawing on real experience from a busy, church-based toddler group, we'll explore how faith can shape activities, conversations, culture, and relationships.

Afternoon



'TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN' - BE RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

JO GORDON

How do you put together a programme based on the needs of your group, or local community? How do you invite and engage with people from an ethnically-diverse community? We'll explore ways in which to engage and serve your local community.



HELPING PARENTS BUILD CONFIDENCE

WENDY JONES

Many parents lack confidence, have a fear of rejection, or feel they're 'not good enough'. With many years of experience in counselling and in leading toddler groups, Wendy will unpack how we can create a culture that nurtures confidence and emotional resilience.



SAFEGUARDING AND BEST PRACTICE

RACHEL GOTOBED

In this workshop we'll look at what good practice and safeguarding looks like within a parent and toddler group. We'll explore ideas and practical tools that will help us make sure our groups are a place of safety for everyone.