

THRIVING LIVES IN EARLY YEARS

DATE & TIME: 20th APRIL 2026, 9.30AM - 3.30PM

ADDRESS; THE STUDIO, BIRMINGHAM, B2 5EP

ROOM: ESCAPE, 4TH FLOOR

EVENT AGENDA

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
Morning Session		
09.30am	Arrival, refreshments and networking Please be seated by 9.55am.	
10.00am	Welcome & introduction	Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Louise Bennett OBE Clare Scherer MBE , Chief Executive, Naval Children's Charity
10.15am	Keynote: The Research Behind the Toolkit Lead researchers present evidence base, methodology, and national relevance.	Prof Chris Pascal, Prof Tony Bertram Centre for Research in Early Childhood (CREC)
10.45am	Q&A	Dr Liam Satchell , Director of the Impact Centre, SCiP Alliance
10.55am	Expert Panel Discussion Policy and Practice in Early Years	Chair: Philip Dent , Director, SCiP Alliance Expert Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debra Barton, Ministry of Defence, Early Years Specialist Lead • Judith Blair, Forces Children Scotland, Learning and Development Worker • Rebecca Lovell, Naval Families Federation, Head of Policy and Deputy CEO • Judith Chinnery, RAFAKIDz, Quality Assurance Manager
11.40am	Audience Reflections Table discussions	Dr Liam Satchell
12.00am	Lunch and Networking	

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Afternoon Session		
1.00pm	Welcome and introduction	Rachel Lad , Head of Operations Emily Hill , Projects Manager SCiP Alliance
1.15pm	Workshop: Getting Started with the Toolkit A practical, guided session introducing the Thriving Lives Toolkit for Early Years	
2.15pm	Comfort break	
2.30pm	User Journeys & Next Steps An exploration of user experiences, followed by discussion on next steps and opportunities for engagement.	Rachel Lad Emily Hill
3.10pm	Closing Remarks & Reflections Summary reflections, key takeaways, and final questions.	Prof Chris Pascal and Debra Barton
3.30pm	End	

Alliance Values

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We value practical action that improves Service children's lives. Our work is at its best when Service children themselves experience meaningful improvements in their lives as a result.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

We value collaboration that makes the most of our diverse community. Our work is at its best when the full breadth of our community works in authentic partnership for and with Service children.

RIGOROUS EVIDENCE

We value robust research that drives real-world improvements. Our work is at its best when Service children's complex lives are deeply understood and evidence drives continuous improvement.

