



## Early Years Practitioners CLPL

**Course title:** Treasure baskets

**Total time:** 2 hours

**When:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 1-3pm

**Where:** West gate, indoors

**Who for:** Early years practitioners, students, HNC, HND, private sector staff, volunteers and playgroups, childminders.

**Cost:** £20 per person

### Treasure baskets

Want to be more sustainable? Want to be as Inclusive as possible in your setting? The treasure basket approach is astoundingly simple! Offering natural, household objects to babies can have a profound impact on their learning capabilities, encourage concentration, exploration, and intellectual development.

Treasure baskets are the most sustainable and inclusive resource there is and after this course you can put your learning to use straight away.

### Aim:

The aim of this short course is to give you an understanding of treasure baskets, what they are and what learning is involved. You will be given clear and practical guidelines so you can set up your own.

- We will look at the background, research and pedagogy involved.
- You will take away ideas of how to develop your own treasure baskets, and where to source resources. You can experience firsthand the power of sensory exploration and the rich, deep learning involved.
- You will learn how to create your own treasure basket that reflects sustainability principles and incorporate natural materials, promote recycling and upcycling and create opportunities for exploration.
- As part of Global goals and education for sustainable development, ESD through nurturing a connection with nature, fostering social responsibility and promoting critical thinking.

- The value of a treasure basket transcends culture and era, and its principle is relevant to all babies anywhere.

### Curriculum area/links:

- The whole of the curriculum offered in a free flow, child led way.
- Linked to Realising the ambition (being me).
- Loose parts play.
- Learning for sustainability.

### Treasure baskets promote

- choice where babies can enjoy exploring and playing with patterns and sounds of language.
- freedom and independence, courage, concentration.
- personal, social and emotional development.
- problem solving, reasoning and numeracy – notice changes in groupings of objects
- awareness of shape, space and measures.
- creative development – respond to what they see, hear, touch and begin to hold objects.

### What you will come away with after this session

- Increased confidence, knowledge and understanding about the value of treasure baskets and what learning is taking place.
- An understanding of how Froebelian principles underpin the practice.
- The ability to create your own treasure basket, anywhere.
- Feel inspired to create a rich, learning environment on a limited budget which promotes sustainability.
- Make connections with other practitioners and share your learning with families and colleagues.

### What to expect

- This session takes place indoors in our Learning Hub.
- We will provide hot drinks and light snacks and will include a break.