

# PUFFINS TRAINING

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## AWARDS

On 25th November 2023, Puffins of Exeter (Our sister company) held an awards ceremony and joint company wide Christmas Party!

This event is to celebrate each and every member of the Puffins Family.

Qualification certificates were awarded to those who have carried out training for our Level 2 Early Years Practitioner, Level 3 Early Years Educator, Level 3 Learning Mentor, Level 4 Accessor Coach and Level 5 Learning and Skills Teacher.

There were also other awards given out and the categories this year included: Team of the year, Manager of the year, Deputy of the year, Apprentice of the year and a Practitioner of the year for each of our rooms.

Puffins Awards Party 2023



## FIRST AID TRAINING

Puffins Training learners carried out their Level 3 Paediatric First Aid Course. This is a mandatory course to complete for both Level 2 Early Years Practitioners and Level 3 Early Years Educators and we are pleased to say that all the learners passed!



## WHAT HAVE OUR APPRENTICES BEEN UP TO?

Over the last couple of months our Level 2 Early Years Practitioner apprentices have been learning about ways to promote healthy lifestyles. They have created their own smoothies to show how easy it is to get nutrients into both children and adults.

Alongside this they have been looking at ways they can support children to be physically active and have completed a few of Joe Wicks videos which they could also implement into the nursery day.

Some of our Level 3 Early Years Educator apprentices have been making their final preparations before their end point assessment with some observations in the nursery, visited by Tracy.

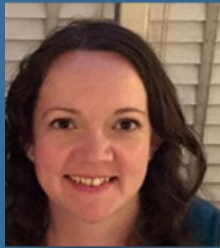
Level 3 Learning Mentors and Level 5 Lead Practitioners are also heading towards their end point assessment and have been carrying out meetings and observations.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our most recent Level 2 Early Years Practitioners: Angela, Kelly, Keely, Liberty, Darcy and Olivia who have all completed EPA. Also congratulations to Olivia and Carter who have completed Level 3 Early Years Educator.



## OUR TRAINING TEAM



Gillian Fawcett, Gemma Rolstone and Sue Holding oversee Puffins Training, they are tutors of our higher level qualifications as well as First Aid and Safeguarding.

Gillian joined us in 2004, Gemma in 1993 and Sue in 1995.

Gillian holds QTLS, Early Years Professional Status, BSc, MEd

Gemma holds Early Years Professional Status, BSc, PGCE

Sue holds IQA, BEd, Early Years Professional Status



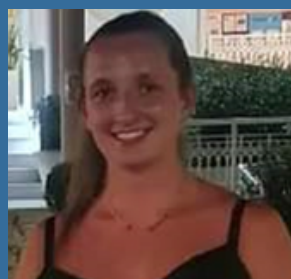
Tracy Thomas  
Accessor

Tracy joined us in 1995 and holds IQA  
DTLS, QTLS, L4 Early Years



Charlotte Hernandez  
Tutor

Charlotte joined us in 2013 and holds  
Level 3 in Early Years Education,  
Level 5 Management, L5 Learning and  
Skills Teacher.



Gabriella Rourke  
Administrator

Gabriella joined us in 2021 and holds a  
Level 3 Early Years Education, L3  
Learning Mentor and L3 Forest School  
Leader.



## OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Over the last few months our staff have carried out some continuous professional development:

Tracy Thomas (Assessor) has completed TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills

Alan Forshaw (HR) has completed Level 3 Award in Mental Health

Charlotte Hernandez (Tutor) has completed Level 5 Learning and Skills Teacher

## WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

At the end of January we will be welcoming some new Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprentices to Puffins of Exeter.

Some of our recently qualified Level 2 Early Years Practitioners will be starting their Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeships with us.

The apprentices will be learning about “In the moment planning” and how this works to support children’s development and how this comes into practice during the day when they care for children in their nurseries.

Our Level 5 Lead Practitioners and Level 4 Assessor coach are having their end point assessments. We wish them all the best of luck in their final assessments before they qualify!

