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## **Bristol & Bath ECHO and Early Education present, *Ethical Subversions in Early Childhood Education***

**Saturday 15th March, 2025 -10.30am to 12.30pm**

**Venue: Bristol University School of Education-Please bring your own cup (BYOC)**

**ECHO and Early Education** are delighted to host **Dr. Nathan Archer** in this topical and timely CPD event for **anyone interested in the care, education and well being of our youngest children.**



In this **era of ever shifting and intensifying policy demands** in early education, it can be easy to let regulatory requirements, pressures of promoting 'school readiness' and multiple mandated interventions, **crowd our spaces for work with young children.** While juggling these external pressures, early educators are also working hard to **respond to the needs of each unique child.**

This thought provoking session will explore the challenges and affordances of **navigating, mediating and subverting policy demands**, taking consideration of what this can mean for educators, and the children and families with whom they work. Critical questions about the **locus of control** and how educators own **values, beliefs and principles fit into the current landscape** will be explored. Case studies of educators' work will examine the concepts of '**ethical subversions**' (Morris, 2021) and '**micro resistances**' (Archer, 2022) in terms of educators taking control of what is possible, in order for **morally committed practice to flourish.**

**Book securely for this in-person event through the Early Education hosting page.**

**Cost: £15 or £10 with discount for Early Education members/students.**

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### **About our presenter**

Dr. Nathan Archer is a researcher in early childhood education and care. Following initial education as a Montessori educator, Nathan has worked in practice, policy and research over the past twenty-five years. His recent research has been undertaken in conjunction with University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University, Sutton Trust and Nuffield Foundation. His interests lie in policy analysis, the professional identities of early educators and their agency, advocacy and activism.

Through this session Nathan seeks to share contemporary research along with personal experiences of educators, inviting discussion about how it might be possible for educators to continue their ethical, pedagogical work on a daily basis.

### **Suggested reading to understand more about ‘ethical subversions’. Open articles by clicking on http link.**

Morris, L. (2021) Love as an act of resistance: Ethical subversion in early childhood professional practice in England. *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood*. 22(2), pp.124-139.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1463949120932297>

Albin-Clark, J. and Archer, N. (2023) ‘Playing social justice: How do early childhood teachers enact the right to play through resistance and subversion?’ *Prism*. pp.1-22.  
<https://openjournals.ljmu.ac.uk/prism/article/view/714>

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**<https://app.sheepcrm.com/early-education/events/early-education->**

### **Address and Parking**

**Venue address:** School of Education, Bristol University, 35 Berkeley Square, Bristol, BS8 1JA.

The best car park is Trenchard Street. (1hr parking only in Berkeley Square):

[Trenchard Street - Car Park \(parkopedia.co.uk\)](https://www.parkopedia.co.uk)

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