

Men in the Early Years:

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My name is Mathew Ward and I work at Pebbles Nursery and Pre-School. During my time in school I did an alternative curriculum where I was offered a Children and Young People Level 1 course at Bradford College. At first I thought this was a profession was for girls but I decided to do it and I did work experience at Hoyle Court Pre-School. During my time at Hoyle Court I loved the job and knew it was something I wanted to do as a job. I have now done Level 2 in Childcare and work at Pebbles Nursery and Pre School and I am about to start level 3. I am passionate about giving children the start in life that every child deserves. I love my job as it gives me a great sense of achievement to see children develop in their own way. I also love creating fun experiences for children, giving them the opportunities which they may not have access to elsewhere. I wanted to get involved in organising the Men in the Early Years



Conference in Bradford because currently less than 2 per cent of the Early Years workforce is male. I think Early Years is a career for everyone. Children can benefit from the different experiences and caring styles men bring to the profession. A diverse workforce provides children with a more accurate reflection of the gender mix of their community and the world around them.