

# OUT TO PLAY - EARLY YEARS CPD WEBINARS

## EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT



Eco Drama ran a series of CPD webinar sessions from April - June 2021. Glasgow City Council supported Glasgow practitioners to attend the webinar training and also to receive an Out to Play Early Years resource pack. There were also places made available by Eco Drama for early years practitioners from outside of Glasgow.

The aim of the CPD was to share the methodology of Eco Drama's Out to Play approach and to provide tips and strategies for early years practitioners, so they would have the knowledge and confidence to implement the approach in their own early years settings.

### ATTENDEES

No. of people who registered to attend = **488**

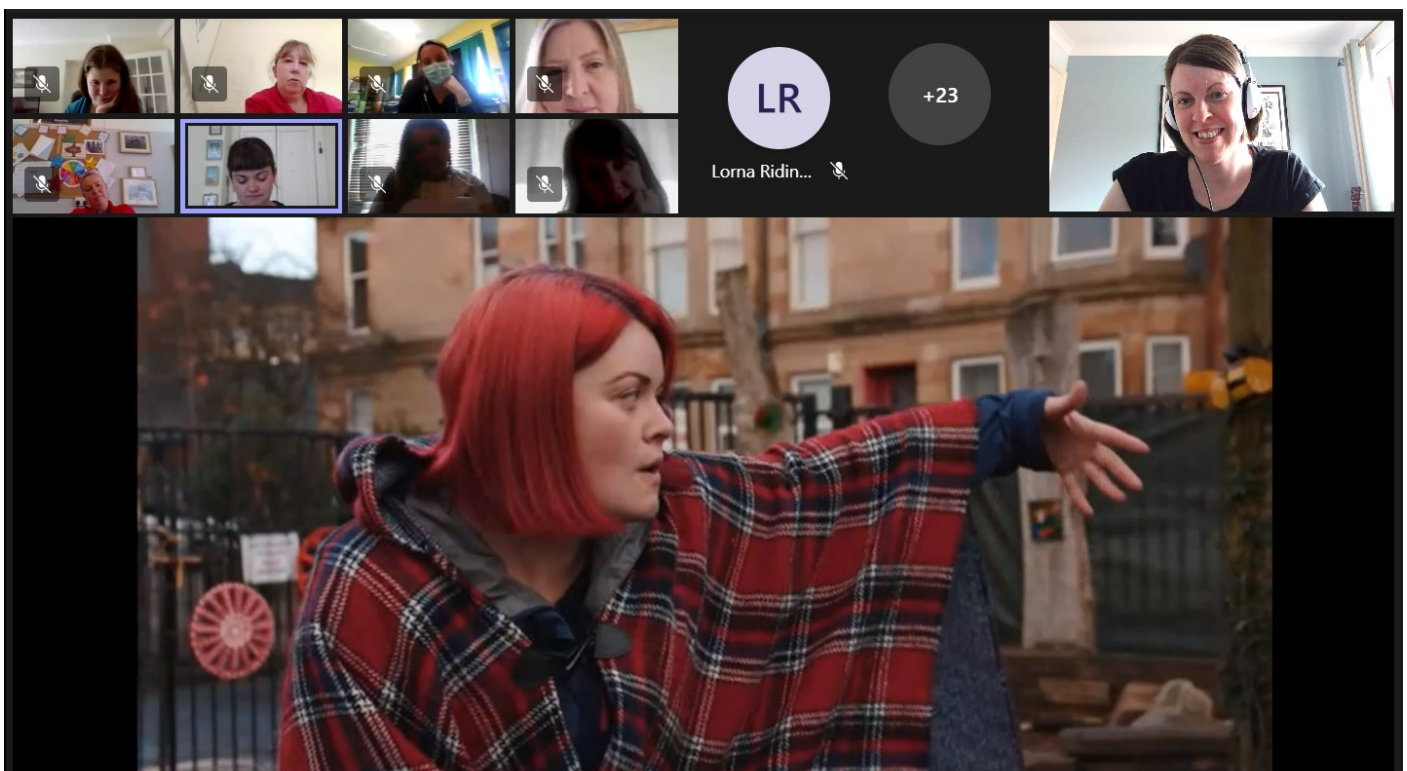
No. of people who attended = **374**

### GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD

As this was an online CPD webinar, attendees were able to participate from all over Scotland and beyond, including Highland, Tayside, Argyll & Bute, South Lanarkshire, Fife, Dumfries & Galloway, Isle of Eigg, Orkney, Italy and Australia.

### DATES OF WEBINARS

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| 7th April  | 2.00-4.00pm & 6.00-8.00pm  | 13th May  | 2.00-4.00pm & 6.00-8.00pm  |
| 21st April | 10.00-12noon & 2.00-4.00pm | 3rd June  | 2.00-4.00pm & 6.00-8.00pm  |
| 6th May    | 9.30-11.30am & 3.30-5.30pm | 16th June | 10.00-12noon & 2.00-4.00pm |

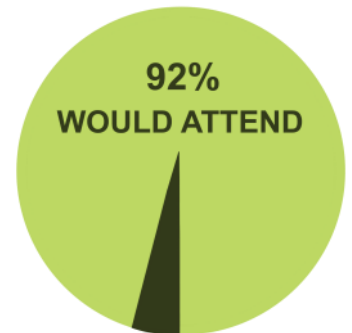


## GENERAL FEEDBACK

After the CPD webinars, all attendees were sent an evaluation form. 66 evaluations were completed.

Attendees were asked, "Would you be interested in attending an in-person CPD session on using drama, storytelling and creative play in early years outdoor learning?"

**92%** expressed an interest in attending an in-person CPD.

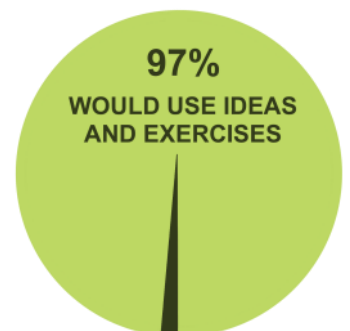


Attendees were asked, "How confident do you now feel in using drama and storytelling as part of your outdoor learning plans?"

**26%** said they were CONFIDENT and **68%** said they were FAIRLY CONFIDENT.

Attendees were asked, "Will you use some of these ideas and exercises in your future practice?"

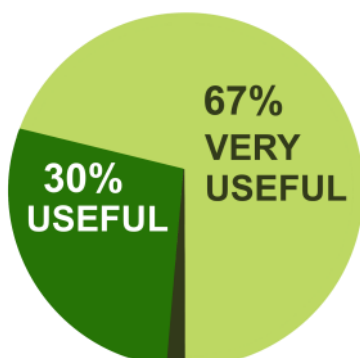
**97%** said they would.



Attendees were asked, "How useful did you find the CPD webinar session?"

**30%** said they found it USEFUL

**67%** said they found it VERY USEFUL.



## MOST USEFUL ASPECTS

The attendees were asked to share the three most useful aspects of the CPD webinar. Here are some examples which are representative of the responses:

1. The storytelling cape
2. The box of clues
3. Conversing with colleagues

1. Hearing Sarah's ideas
2. Video of Sarah (caterpillar)
3. Seeing comments from others

1. How to use the outdoor space
2. Using natural resources
3. Getting the children involved

1. Forgetful storyteller role
2. Using the box at the start
3. To adapt the story as you go

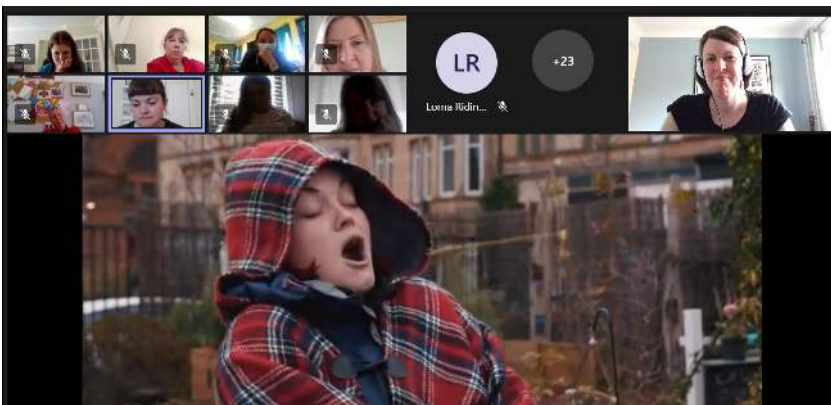
1. Seeing a brilliant storyteller
2. Tips for preparing a session
3. Problem-solving ideas

1. Starter game ideas
2. Watching the video of Sarah
3. The Q&A session at the end

1. Workshop ideas
2. Engagement strategies
3. Environment engagement

1. Intro to the resource pack
2. Learning new songs
3. Breathing techniques

1. Having my questions answered
2. Ideas of books to read
3. Watching the wonderful video



## PLEDGES

Each attendee was asked to create a pledge for their own practice. Here are some examples:

**"I promise to learn stories off by heart and to improvise with the children."**

**"I pledge to have a bank of props to use which will enhance the stories outdoors."**

**"I pledge to use the rainbow touch game, puppets and props outside."**

**"I will create protected time to allow this to be implemented."**

**"I will develop my own stories with the children and encourage their interaction with nature when outdoors."**

**"I will use the 'Forgetful Storyteller' and the little songs, such as the 'Thank You' song."**

## WORD CLOUD

The attendees were asked at the end of the webinar to share three words which described what they had gathered during the session. Here is an example of the types of words that were chosen:



## COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS

Attendees were able to comment during the session and also submitted thoughts in their evaluations. Here are some examples that are representative of the feedback received:

"The course helped ease some of the fears I have regarding creative and risky play and allowing the children to take full charge of their learning outside."

The course has given me the confidence to now implement drama and creativity into our forest walks. Thank you to all involved in this fab session."

"The session was so beneficial as provided us with great ideas about using outdoor space and gave us so much information about the benefits for children of playing outdoors."

"I feel Sarah has made me feel more enthusiastic and confident about delivering drama sessions with the children."

"I enjoyed the workshop ideas, engagement strategies and the general introductory information regarding our relationship with environment."

"I really enjoyed the session. Sarah was very bubbly and easy to listen to. Overall the workshop was great and well planned out."

"Really enjoyed this and hope to be involved in more training opportunities if they arise."

"I will definitely use the idea of connecting outdoor to stories, sensory games and play."

"Being animated helps the children to engage and holds their interest."