

**BSRLM Early Years and Primary Mathematics (EYPM) Working Group
Minutes of the First Meeting**

Venue: Liverpool Hope University

Date: Saturday 11th November 2017

Time: 14:20-15:25

Chair: Sue Gifford and Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai

Scriber: Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai

In attendance:

Alison Curwen (Dulwich Wood Primary School); Alison Parish (Independent); Anne Mulligan (Middlesex University London); Asghari Amir (Liverpool John Moores University); Balbir Kaur (Brunel University London); Gwen Ineson (Brunel University London); Janine Blinko (Independent); Kathryn Clarke (University of Chester); Kirsty Wilson (University of Birmingham); Laurie Jacques (Independent); Manish Kothari (St. Mary's University); Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai (University of Reading); Nicholas Wallaston (UCL Institute of Education); Patrick Barmby (Independent, formerly at University of the Witwatersrand); Rachel Marks (University of Brighton); Sarah Ankers (University of Chester); Sinead Cameron (school teacher); Sue Gifford (University of Roehampton)

In this inaugural meeting, EYPM WG members were asked for their views on: 1) what should the aims of EYPM WG be; 2) how EYPM WG can help to promote research collaboration; and 3) how EYPM WG can support its members' research and writing skills. The views put forward by EYPM WG members are summarised below.

What should be the aims of EYPM WG?

- To continue to maintain and enhance our EYPM identity at BSRLM conferences through encouraging more sessions with an EYPM focus
- To support teachers to make (and appreciate) the link between research and their practice
- To encourage more EYPM initial teacher training (ITT) colleagues and teachers to be part of the BSRLM community (by attending and presenting at conferences)
- To provide an on-line and off-line platform to foster research collaboration and networking within and across sectors (academics, teachers, etc.)

How can EYPM WG help to promote research collaboration?

- To organise networking events (e.g. research speed dating) at future BSRLM conferences where members briefly exchange their research interests / projects with others
- To explore with Pete Wright (BSRLM Website Co-ordinator) the possibility of making (EYPM WG) members' research profile available on our website, and to make these profiles searchable.
- To facilitate informal meetings among EYPM WG colleagues at national and international research conferences
- To encourage EYPM WG members to actively communicate the work of the WG to wider audience
- To explore the possibility of asking Maths Hub to help promote the existence of EYPM WG among its network of practitioners

How can EYPM WG support members' research and writing skills?

- To organise a research writing workshop with a special focus on EYPM at future BSRLM conferences

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- A suggestion has been made that EYPM WG could collaboratively work on a project that produce an EYPM research summary booklet like the one that Mike A. and Dylan W. produced in the past.