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# Working with Families: *Changing Lives through Relationships*

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**Join Prof. Sally Pearce, Sheffield Hallam University and Leanna Clark, Save the Children for an interactive workshop where they share insights from their work with families at the Sheffield Research Nursery, demonstrating how strong, trusting relationships can transform children's early experiences**



Saturday 24th January  
09:30– 1:00 pm

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£25 Home Childcare professionals & students  
£56 practitioners in non members settings



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9.30 am	Welcome – Sam Greshoff and Kath Bransby, Waldorf UK
9.35 am	<p><b><i>Being a parent in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i></b></p> <p>Kath Bransby will explore some of the research on the growing pressures on parents, including how modern economic and social expectations are shaping everyday family life, and why today’s parents often feel they’re carrying more responsibility than ever.</p>
10.15 am	Discussion
10.30 am	<p><b><i>Changing Lives through Relationships, Part 1</i></b></p> <p>Prof. Sally Pearce, Sheffield Hallam University</p> <p>Sally Pearce is the Strategic Lead for Early Years and Director of the Early Years Community Research Centre at Sheffield Hallam University, where she works with practitioners, families, and communities to create welcoming, high-quality early childhood experiences. Her work is driven by a deep commitment to ensuring young children and their families thrive.</p> <p>In this interactive workshop, Sally Pearce and Leanna Clark share insights from their work with families at the Sheffield Research Nursery, demonstrating how strong, trusting relationships can transform children’s early experiences. They introduce practical tools such as relationship mapping and explore approaches to working alongside parents as partners, highlighting how nurturing connections between practitioners, families, and communities can create meaningful, long-lasting change in children’s lives.</p>
11.15 am	Discussion
11.30 am	Comfort break
11.40 am	<p><b><i>Changing Lives through Relationships, Part 2</i></b></p> <p>Leanna Clarke, Save the Children</p> <p>Leanna Clark is the deputy manager of Meadows Nursery, a unique community-driven partnership in Sheffield, where she leads warm, hands-on support for children and their families in an area with limited early years provision. Deeply committed to parental empowerment and whole-family wellbeing, she creates a welcoming, home-like environment that helps families feel supported, connected, and proud of the progress they and their children make.</p>
12.20 pm	Discussion
12.35 pm	Plenary session
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