

# Feedback from Element 1: Day 1 and day 2

I really took a lot from the course, having the other ladies that had knowledge was also good to chat with.

I really enjoyed the two days we have just completed—it has provoked a lot of reflection on our practice and how we can improve.

I think the course so far is great, very informative, loved the interaction, hearing others thoughts and ideas, the practical session was fun and it makes you think about your own practice! I don't know much about Froebel but he is very interesting!

I had the best two days learning more about Froebel and his approach. I loved the hands-on experiences to validate the approach and both Stella and Paula were inspirational in their enthusiasm for what they believe in. It has made me feel validated in my reasons for using loose parts and my personal approach to working in EYFS as I fully encourage the process rather than the end product. I feel that we need to audit some more of our resources using Froebel's forms throughout our EYFS rooms and possibly beyond. Thank you so much for welcoming us into your Nursery, I'm looking forward to the next Elements in my journey.

I found the course very eye opening and I believe it will help me as a practitioner and area lead of 2 preschool rooms. I am looking forward to the next element.



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The course was fantastic. I enjoyed the immersive and self-reflective approach, i.e. we had rich hands-on experiences with Froebelian resources and concepts and were given plenty of opportunities to consider our current practice in the light of what we were learning/thinking about. The trainers were extremely knowledgeable as well as kind and generous to their learners.

I really enjoyed the sessions found them very useful to use within my practice also discussions really got you thinking. Liked that we got to have a go at Froebel occupations and did practical bits within the course like going outside to find Froebel gifts within the environment. Overall, I really enjoyed my time over the 2 days.

I really enjoyed the 2 days, thank you to Stella and Paula and GNS for looking after us. I really enjoyed the idea of going deeper into the thoughts of what we are doing and why we do it daily. I really liked that it never felt like a right or wrong answer, each individual option was encouraged to discuss further and make our own conclusions based on other points of view. I enjoyed it much more than I expected and am extremely grateful to be a part of this course. I'm very much looking forward to the future sessions.

It's been fascinating! As far as the first two days went, I found them very interesting and enjoyable. My usual age group is a bit older than everyone else, but it was very interesting to see the similarities (and differences) that we all work with. Some of the issues raised just aren't appropriate to my settings (in a wood, using only found materials) but even where the practicalities were different the philosophical structure and thought processes were still very valuable. The facilitators were excellent, and all the other participants were engaged and very friendly. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Great 2 days. Stella was extremely knowledgeable, passionate and inspiring. Liked the support and contributions made by the traveling Froebelian tutors. Also, really valuable talking to other settings. Content was extremely thought provoking and personally made me reflect and question my practice and the environment on a much deeper level. Liked the practical aspects and the ability to be hands on with the resources. Some of the group activities (making up song & role playing) were both fun and slightly intimidating as was contributing individually to the whole group. My learning style is to observe and process information before having to articulate response. However, I did rise to the challenges and enjoy.



I cannot begin to tell you what an impact the initial training days have had upon me. The tutors were totally inspiring, engaging and delivered an incredible amount of knowledge in a short period of time. I am so grateful to be doing this training and can't wait for the element 2 sessions.