

With a BSc in Business and Education Studies, Daniella came across the New Leaders in Early Years programme whilst on maternity leave from her job as an After-School Development Centre Manager at a local primary school. Committed to setting up her own nursery, the programme *“seemed like the perfect way to gain a recognised qualification in childcare as well as first-hand experience in different early years settings.”*

The New Leaders in Early Years programme has allowed her to develop more knowledge and understanding of the early years sector. *“I used my time on the course to develop my business plan further and speak to other nursery managers, & Early Years lecturers about their experiences.”*

Having worked in a bilingual school where she witnessed young children’s heightened ability to learn second and third languages she believes bilingualism is essential and that the Early Years is a perfect time to enable this. She found suitable premises as soon as she completed her dissertation and opened her own french bilingual nursery in October 2012. This, she feels, *“will give children a unique opportunity to learn in and about another language whilst still meeting the demands of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and striving for high standards and progress in their learning.”*