LEYE RIG Report 2025-26

Overview:

The RIG welcomes Dr Viki Veale and Lesley Boyle, joining Dr Madeleine Findon as Co-Convenors.

Events hosted

Date	*Where*	*Format*	*Title*	*Speakers*
03 Jun 26	Online	Seminar	Relaunch event	Madeleine Findon, Leslie Boyle and Viki Veale
03 July 26	Hybrid	Seminar	Annual Conference RIG event	Madeleine Findon, Leslie Boyle and Viki Veale

Feedback

It was a pity the session ended so abruptly (Zoom seemed to end the meeting after 40 minutes). I found the session very welcoming and informative thank you.

Thank you for this opportunity to share, and reflect upon, new knowledge, diverse perspectives, and also an opportunity for professional growth.

Having the chance to connect and collaborate with like-minded colleagues in this RIG is something I look forward to in the future!

Meetings took place between the new Co-Convenor team across the year, focused on planning for RIG events, the BELMAS Conference and the RIG book.

Other:

A LEYE symposium was put together to showcase projects from England and Scotland, focusing different approaches supporting leadership development and thinking about leadership activity. See here for details: https://www.belmas.org.uk/past-conferences/annual-conference-2026/

A BELMAS funded project to co-develop a network with early years leaders based at the University of Worcester has undertaken its first round of data collection and has shared its progress so far at the conference. See here for details: https://www.belmas.org.uk/past-conferences/annual-conference-2026/

Aims and Objectives for next year:

- Pull together contributions for the RIG book.
- LEYE RIG to be represented at the TACTYC conference in October by Lesley Boyle.
- Offer one free-of-charge to non-members event per year, specifically targeting sector leaders and students.

- Build community with RIG members nationally and internationally, setting up a resource share and recommendation space.
- Provide opportunities for members to share their work.
- Maintain presence at the annual conference.
- Work with other EY organisations to support leadership development work.