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## Qualifications

PhD, An investigation into the relationship between the quality of children's speech and early years environments.,  
University of Northampton  
Award Date: 22 Oct 2019

Supervised by **Murray, Jane**

Master, MA in Education, University of Northampton  
Award Date: 18 Mar 2015

Bachelor, BA in Early Childhood Studies, University of Northampton  
Award Date: 29 Jun 2012

... → 19 Dec 2022 Senior Fellow of Higher Education Academy, SFHEA

Early Years Professional Status, EYPS

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, FHEA

## Employment

### Senior Lecturer in Education (CYF)

Childhood, Youth and Families

University of Northampton

1 Sept 2024 → 31 Jul 2026

### Centre for Education and Research

1 Sept 2013 → present

## Research outputs

### What constitutes a high-quality environment for speech and language development?

Richardson, T., 3 Dec 2023, In: International Journal of Early Years Education. p. 1-17 17 p.

### How does nature support early language learning? A systematic literature review

Richardson, T., Waite, S., Askerlund, P., Almers, E. & Hvit-Lindstrand, S., 23 Jun 2023, In: Early Years: An International Research Journal. p. 1-28 28 p.

### "It's ok not to know what I want to do": An exploration into the aspirations of Early Childhood Studies students

Richardson, T. & Lumsden, E., 12 Feb 2023, In: Journal of Teaching and Learning for Graduate Employability. 14, 1, p. 1-14 14 p.

### Body-worn cameras as a research tool in early years settings: Strengths and weaknesses

Richardson, T., 21 Nov 2022, In: Journal of Early Childhood Research. 21, 1, p. 106-118 13 p.

### Language, learning, and disability in the education of young bilingual children: edited by Dina C. Castro and Alfredo J. Artiles, Bristol, Multilingual Matters, 2021, 232 pp., £29.95 (paperback), ISBN: 9781800411838

Richardson, T., 23 Jun 2021, In: Educational Review. p. 1-2 2 p.

### Perceptions of placement experiences of Early Childhood Studies students: the fluency of knowledge and skills.

Richardson, T. & Holman, K., 16 Mar 2021, In: Journal of Further and Higher Education. 45, 3, p. 324-336 13 p.

**Student Experience of Learning, Assessment and Support during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Creating a New Reality Phase One Report**

Lumsden, E., Meechan, D., Richardson, T., Smith, S., Bugby, M., Dugan-Clements, C., Goy, P. & Rossetti, D., 30 Nov 2020, 39 p.

**Enhancing Learning for Early Years Foundation Degree Students: Empowerment through Heutagogy and Reflecting on the Notion of Knowledgeable Others**

Teszenyi, E., Richardson, T. & Devecchi, C., 3 Apr 2020, In: Polish Journal of Educational Studies. 72, 1, p. 24–44 21 p.

**'Why haven't I got one of those?' A consideration regarding the need to protect non-participant children in early years research**

Richardson, T., 10 Dec 2018, In: European Early Childhood Education Research Journal. 27, 1, p. 5-14 10 p., 1.

**Children as communicators: peers and others**

Richardson, T., 1 Nov 2018, *Early Childhood Studies: A Student's Guide*. Fitzgerald, D. & Maconochie, H. (eds.). London: Sage

**Are young children's utterances affected by characteristics of their learning environments? A multiple case study**

Richardson, T. & Murray, J., 2 Mar 2017, In: Early Child Development and Care. 187, 3-4, p. 457-468 12 p., 187:3-4.

**Speech and language development in a Forest School environment: an action research project**

Richardson, T., 1 Jan 2014, Sage. 13 p. (Sage Research Methods Cases)

## **Activities**

**SAGE Publications Ltd (Publisher)**

Richardson, T. (Reviewer)

22 Aug 2024

**PhD External Examiner**

Richardson, T. (Examiner)

19 Jul 2024

**Removing barriers- increasing confidence in outdoor learning**

Whewell, E. (Author), Tiplady, H. (Author), Richardson, T. (Author) & Woolley, K. (Author)

19 Jun 2024

**Step Outside: Supporting education students to use outdoor spaces in their professional practice.**

Whewell, E. (Author), Tiplady, H. (Author) & Richardson, T. (Author)

24 May 2024

**Step Outdoors Awards Evening**

Whewell, E. (Chair), Tiplady, H. (Organiser), Richardson, T. (Organiser) & Woolley, K. (Organiser)

23 May 2024

**Ethical Principles and Children's Rights in Early Childhood Research: Tensions and Possibilities**

Richardson, T. (Keynote speaker) & Teszenyi, E. (Keynote speaker)

26 Jan 2024

**Transfer examination**

Farini, F. (Examiner), Murray, J. (Examiner) & Richardson, T. (Examiner)

25 May 2023

**What is in my bag? Leaflet for parents**

Richardson, T. (Consultant) & Murray, J. (Consultant)  
12 Dec 2022

**The impact of the environment on children's language**

Richardson, T. (Author)  
13 Sept 2022 → 15 Sept 2022

**Taylor and Francis Ltd. (Publisher)**

Richardson, T. (Reviewer)  
23 Jun 2021

**Early Language Development in Nature (ELaDiNa) project**

Richardson, T. (Consultant)  
2021 → 2024

**Speech and Language Beyond the Classroom**

Richardson, T. (Author)  
14 Apr 2020

**Birth to 5 matters**

Richardson, T. (Consultant)  
2020 → 2021

**A universal and transferable quality rating scale – is it possible?**

Richardson, T. (Author)  
29 Aug 2017

**Prizes****Press/Media****Highly Skilled**

Richardson, T.  
14/02/23  
1 Media contribution

**Lockdown/Stay Alert inspiration from the Early Years team**

Richardson, T.  
21/05/20  
1 item of Media coverage

**New Findings from University of Northampton Describe Advances in Teaching and Learning ("It's ok not to know what I want to do": An exploration into the aspirations of Early Childhood Studies students)**

Richardson, T.  
27/02/23  
1 item of Media coverage

**Peter Zinovieff; Electronic music composer and pioneer who invented one of the first mass-market synthesisers**

Richardson, T.  
1/07/21  
1 item of Media coverage

## **Awards**

## **Projects**

**STEP Outside: Supporting education students to use outdoor spaces in their professional practice.**

Whewell, E. (CoPI), Richardson, T. (PI), Tiplady, H. (CoPI), Woolley, K. (CoPI) & Clanfield, J. (CoI)  
1/08/23 → 30/06/24

## **Student theses**

**An investigation into the relationship between the quality of children's speech and early years environments**

Richardson, T. (Author), Bracey, P. (Supervisor), Murray, J. (Supervisor) & Prithvi, P. (Supervisor), Dec 2020

## **Membership of associated bodies**

Member of OMEP.

Fellowship of the HEA awarded December 2016

Member of the strategy group for the Early Childhood Studies Degree Network (ECSDN) – vice chair of the strategy group in charge of workforce development and the national rollout of Graduate Practitioner Competencies.

Treasurer for ECSDN

APPG member of the speech and language difficulties group.

Member of the working consultation group on learning environments for Birth to 5 Matters.

Co-chair of the ECEC SIG at UoN