



EYN Partnership

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To build professional competencies of registered nutritionists in the UK, the Early Years Nutrition Partnership enables them to establish their own businesses and deliver 'quality standards' for early life nutrition in nursery settings.



KEY FIGURES

€ 3.52 M in funding

335 Nutrition professionals trained on children's specific needs

12,160 Children benefiting from adapted menus

Childhood obesity is one of the UK's biggest public health challenges. It has been described by the country's Secretary of State for Health as a "national emergency", with one in five children being either overweight or obese when they start school. With the support of the Danone Ecosystem Fund, Danone Early Life Nutrition UK, the Pre-school Learning Alliance and the British Nutrition Foundation co-created the EYN Partnership, a social enterprise providing 'hands-on' help to day care centers professionals from a network of registered nutritionists and dietitians. It aims to further build the competencies of the nutrition professionals, enabling them to establish their own networks with early years settings and parents in their local area. The professionals themselves empower settings to improve and enhance their approach to nutrition practice (food provision, food environment, training workshops, communications to parents). It then enables the settings to seek accreditation courtesy of the EYN Partnership Quality Mark and upskill their practitioners and chefs with recognised qualification awards in early years nutrition and hydration. The EYN Partnership works to improve the future health outcomes of young children by setting a standard for nutrition practice in early years settings, with a dedicated commitment to support settings with the highest social deprivation needs. The ambition is that, in the future, every child in England aged under five will have access to expert nutrition support within their early years setting.

The project empowers nutritionists and dieticians through upskilling and business support to create their own network. By doing so, Danone Early Life Nutrition raises awareness of the importance of good nutrition during the first 1,000 days of life, from conception to toddlerhood, to positively influence long-term health outcomes.

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