

Professional Inquiry for Practice Transformation Grant: Developing your proposal

This template is intended to be used alongside the [Beginners Guide to Practitioner Inquiry in the Early Years](#) to help you answer the questions in the application form – particularly the question ‘*Tell us what you will do in your project and how it will make a difference to children, families, educators and your community?*’

Five Steps	What am I going to do?	Why am I planning to do it this way?
1. What is ‘one great question’ I want to explore in this project?	Try and write it as an open-ended question and be as specific as possible	Think about why this question interests you Think about the change you want to make, and who will benefit?
2. How could I answer this question? Think about what information (data) you will need to gather and from whom	What methods will you use? (If you want to be able to show change you will need to collect data at the start and end of the project)	Why have you chosen these methods?
3. What ethical issues do I need to think about? Think about your professional role and how it might influence the research	What do you think will be the key ethical issues for this project?	Why do you think these are the most important issues?
4. How will I make sense of the data I have collected?	How are you going to analyse your data? (finding themes, using the Froebelian lens in Reflection with Guidance , individually or as a project team)?	Why? Think about whether anyone in your project has relevant experience or if you think you might need additional support from your mentor at this stage
5. How will I share key messages	What kind of outputs/resources do you plan to create?	Who are they for and why would they be beneficial?