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# Every child deserves a teacher!



**Edinburgh should be proud of having had nursery education for more than 100 years.**

- The city has always been a pioneer of early years, leading developments in this vital sector
- Our aim is to educate our children to live and work successfully in the 21st century
- Research shows that pre-school education led by highly qualified staff gives children lifelong benefits.
- This will be undermined if teachers are removed from nursery classes, where they work with the children, develop relationships with families, and lead the team.
- High quality early years education is vital in closing the attainment gap. Teachers have a unique role to play in this, including supporting the transition between nursery and school.
- Due to savage budget cuts, Edinburgh Council is being forced to consider removing teachers and headteachers from nurseries.
- This will undermine everything Edinburgh Council and Scottish Government say they are trying to do to close the attainment gap, expand nursery provision and give children the best possible start in life.

**To save our nursery teachers, you can:**

Come along to our open meeting at **7pm on Thursday 7 February 2019 at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL** – we will be inviting Councillors and MSPs from all parties to attend. This is your chance to say what you think about this proposal.

Contact your local Councillor to ask them not to implement this cut (you can find out who your Councillor is here [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/councillors))

Sign this petition [www.change.org/p/city-of-edinburgh-council-save-our-nursery-teachers](http://www.change.org/p/city-of-edinburgh-council-save-our-nursery-teachers)

Find out more about the special role of nursery teachers at [www.eis.org.uk/Policy-And-Publications/Sustain-The-Ambition](http://www.eis.org.uk/Policy-And-Publications/Sustain-The-Ambition)

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