

ELEVATE

EARLY EDUCATION ONLINE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH 2022

Elevate your professional development with
some of our sector's most respected leaders and thinkers.

Friday, 11 March 2022 - 9AM TO 4:30PM (AEST)

9.00 - 10.30AM

EMOTION COACHING

FACILITATOR: BETH MACGREGOR

All educators know the struggles involved when little people have big emotions — conflict, aggression, tears and tantrums are hard to handle.

Emotion Coaching is an easy-to-learn tool educators can use to help children when they're struggling with hard feelings and behaviours. In addition to helping children recover more quickly when they're upset, Emotion Coaching helps educators to help children develop strong self-regulation and problem-solving skills. This session is packed full of helpful tips, videos and emotion coaching examples that you can use in your day to day role.

10.30 - 10.45AM

Break

10.45 - 12.15PM

LEADING WITH HEART AND SOUL

FACILITATOR: TONI CHRISTIE

This workshop will share a values-based approach to leadership. With more than 25 years of leadership experience in early childhood education in New Zealand, Toni will share her wit, wisdom, and lessons learned from leading teams.

Values such as grace, courage and excellence will be discussed, with concrete examples of these values in action when leading teams in ECE.

12.15 - 12.45PM

Break

12.45 - 2.15PM

HOW TO RAISE RESILIENT CHILDREN

FACILITATOR: LUKAS RITSON

Educators will be inspired and informed on how to support children through more self-directed, outdoor play.

Lukas will focus on play, risk, failure, resilience and the child's physiology during play. He will share the value of creating environments over resources, plus a whole lot more.

2.15 - 2.30PM

Break

2.30 - 4.30PM

UNDERSTANDING PLAY THEORY NESA ACCREDITED PD

FACILITATOR: KERRIE MAGUIRE

Are there certain aspects of children's play that elicit strong feelings from educators? Do you sometimes feel conflicted about what should be 'banned' or 'allowed' in children's play themes?

This session will unpack Play Theory as an important lens in which to view children's engagement with the 'unreal' world. Understanding Play Theory will enable educators to interpret the 'language of play' and better support this fundamental right.

Completing the livestream of Understanding Play Theory will contribute 2 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of Delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework addressing standard descriptors 2.1.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

Note: as we are unable to monitor engagement via a recording, NESA accredited hours can only be allocated for completion of the livestream session. Teachers attending this session must provide their NESA Teacher Accreditation number to CELA via chat during the session.

ELEVATE

EARLY EDUCATION ONLINE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH 2022

FACILITATORS

TONI CHRISTIE

Toni is the Director of the Childspace Early Childhood Institute in Wellington, NZ. She is passionate about early childhood education, leadership, environments, infants, teamwork, communication, and advocacy for children, families, and early childhood educators. Toni holds a Master of Education with merit from Victoria University in Wellington.

Toni enjoys her many roles in life as wife, mother, author, keynote speaker, marriage celebrant, Justice of the Peace, editor, musician, artist, and mentor. She loves to sing, dance, and play with her family, friends, and colleagues every day!



BETH MACGREGOR

Beth is a psychologist who provides training and development programs to child health, welfare and education services. She began her career as a child protection caseworker, and since 1993, has worked in various roles to support the most vulnerable children in our community.

Beth has had the privilege of working closely with thousands of educators across Australia, assisting them to understand and respond to the emotional needs and challenging behaviours of children. Beth is passionate about the crucial role educators play in setting a positive life course for children.



LUKAS RITSON

Lukas believes that play should be a holistic experience for children - one that fosters connection, encourages resilience, and cultivates compassion. His innovative playground designs emphasise sustainable, quality materials, as they create a healthy stage for limitless learning opportunities. Keeping children curious, creative and confident through offering the adventurous childhood they deserve is the principle that elevates Lukas Ritson's play environments.

Lukas began his journey into play as a full-time Outdoor Educator in an early childhood setting. His session will be motivational but also informative and relevant to an ECEC audience as someone with extensive industry experience.



KERRIE MAGUIRE

Kerrie has been working in children's services for over 20 years and is one of Australia's leading early and middle education professional development specialists. Driven by a passionate belief in the significance that educators have in the lives of children, she is committed to driving quality service delivery within the ECEC sector.

Kerrie has an in-depth understanding of the National Quality Framework, learning frameworks and supplementary regulations. She is renowned as an inspiring and effective communicator, with a unique ability to connect and engage with professionals at all levels of career development.



Our curated 1-day program has been designed to inspire and energise all levels of early education professionals.

FIND OUT MORE www.cela.org.au/elevate-conference