

ECA NSW BRANCH

Newsletter

JULY 2019

Conversations Evening PARRAMATTA

ECA NSW is holding a conversation night at Parramatta.

Date: Thursday 8th August, 2019

Venue: Conference Room, Parramatta Holiday Inn
18-40 Anderson Street, Parramatta

Time: 6 pm for networking supper, 6.30-8.30 pm

Cost: Free

Early Childhood Australia, NSW Branch board members and regional representatives from all over NSW will be in attendance. The evening will provide an opportunity for conversations about what is happening in the Early Childhood sector.

Guest speaker is Ljiljana Kocic.



Ljiljana won the NSW Premier's Teachers Award in 2018 and has completed her research into creativity in the early years. Ljiljana visited centres in California and Oregon some of which were Reggio inspired. Ljiljana's presentation will be full of 'hands on' ideas on how to build creativity in your early years environment.

If you would like to find out more before the conversation evening, Ljiljana's blog is definitely worth a read!

<https://kocicljljana.wixsite.com/creativity>
(password: studytour19)



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Hurry WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

SkillsIQ, under the direction of the Children's Education and Care Industry Reference Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), is undertaking a detailed review of a range of early Childhood qualifications. This review continues on from previous work in response to the 2015 Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) strategic review, 'Training for early childhood education and care in Australia'.

The Training package review feedback has been extended to 31st July. There is still time to give your feedback on this important training package review.

If you would like to find out more information, email marianne.wehby@skillsiq.com.au at SkillsIQ or call (02) 9392 8100.

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Scholarship **WINNERS**

Congratulations to the recipients of the ECA NSW scholarships to attend the ECA National Conference 'From vision to action' in Hobart September 25-28.

The recipients are:

Sharon Gill from St Mary's Rainbow Preschool Wagga

Amanda Caunter from The Crescent Early Learning, Annandale

Tash Smith from Birrahlee Preschool, Lane Cove

Monique Rodgers from Devonshire St Children's Centre, Chatswood.

We hope you enjoy the conference and look forward to welcoming all participants in Hobart from 25-28 September!



KU Annual Conference **The Power of the Question**

Saturday 26 October 2019
International Convention Centre, Sydney

The 2019 Conference will feature international keynote speaker Alise Shafer Ivey (USA), alongside a program of highly regarded speakers.



Register Now: www.ku.com.au/ku-annual-conference

Other EVENTS...

Assessment & Rating

ECA NSW has been active in advocating for discussion on the assessment and rating process in NSW.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the questionnaire on their experiences in the assessment and rating process.

The collated information has been forwarded to the Department for review.

ECA position papers & links

Do you know Early Childhood Australia has position papers on topics they are currently advocating for?

Check the papers out at:

www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/our-work/submissions-statements

You may wish to read the ECA response to the Melbourne Declaration at:

www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ECA-Submission-Review-of-the-Melbourne-Declaration.pdf

HELP US CELEBRATE Early Learning Matters Week

Join us from 1st to 6th September 2019 to showcase why Early Learning matters!

Get your centre involved!

The Early Learning Matters week website outlines a range of ideas & resources to assist you in raising the profile of early learning education!



Riverina

Our Riverina regional group is planning to have NSW Premier Teacher's Award-winning recipient Roseanne Pugh present a workshop on her studies. Roseanne will also be the guest speaker at the regional dinner and award ceremony in September. Details will be released soon.



Rosanne Pugh (centre) with her award presented by NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, and Minister for Early Childhood Sarah Mitchell.

Other EVENTS...

Hunter ECA
presents

The voices of children

An international group of educators, social scientists, and filmmakers journeyed around the globe to create *Voices of Children*. The documentary expands on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child by advocating for a more inclusive and participatory view of children's rights from the perspective of the children themselves.

Join Hunter ECA as we showcase the film and then collectively unpack our own perceptions and understandings of listening to children's voices.

When: Tuesday 30 July 2019
5.30pm for a 6pm start

Where: Room NG09 Glendale TAFE Campus

Cost: \$7 inc booking fee

RSVP: <https://events.humanitix.com.au/the-voices-of-children>

Light refreshments provided



Illawarra & South Coast MEMBER'S MEETING

The Illawarra & South Coast regional member's meeting was held on Wednesday June 19 at Noah's Mundamia Early Learning Centre.

This centre is located in the beautiful bushland setting of the Shoalhaven Campus of the University of Wollongong (UOW) and our members enjoyed a tour of the various services provided by Noah's Inclusion Services including the Mundamia Early Learning Centre.

The agenda included:

- discussions about the Early Start (UOW) project for a facilitated service integration model
- the oral language and literacy program *Sounds, Words, Aboriginal language and Yarning (SWAY)* based on Aboriginal knowledge, culture and stories with the early years learning environment
- the Shoalhaven Special Interest Group (SIG) Inclusion network update.

Our next Illawarra & South Coast regional gathering will be an open event specifically for supporting gathering will be an open event specifically for supporting registered Early Childhood Teachers in NSW. The date is yet to be confirmed.

Other EVENTS...

Central Coast



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TRAUMA INFORMED CARE



A MASTERCLASS WITH KATE HODGEKISS

Kate is the Owner/Director of Engaging Curriculum Solutions. She is an engaging presenter who has been working in the early childhood sector for over 20 years.

Kate has written for Early Childhood Australia's The Spoke and regularly contributes to the ECS blog. Kate's personal philosophy is centred on reaching best outcomes for children through maintaining quality learning programs and environments.

Her area of greatest interest is in understanding the impact of trauma and trauma sensitive education environments.

Kate's passion as a leader is in proactive research, while inspiring and mentoring educators in this sector which continues to evolve and change.

Workshop Outline:

Childhood trauma comes in two forms: simple and complex. When trauma is complex the impact on the child's health and development can be profound. As early childhood educators we have the opportunity to help heal the site of trauma through attuned relationships and trauma friendly environments. In this session we will cover:

- The impact of trauma on the developing brain
- Trauma, memory and relationships
- Trauma sensitive practices and environments
- Mindful education.

Wednesday
31 July

4.00 – 8.00 PM

Light supper will be provided

\$80 for non-members
\$30 for members

Venue:

Yerra Building

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