



Growing Together 2011

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



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Welcome to Growing Together 2011

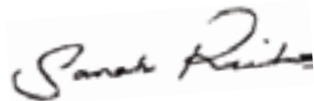
The conference title "Growing Together 2011" is a reflection of our hope and wish that the ACT Children's Services Conference will provide wonderful opportunity for all members of the care and education community to come together, exchange ideas, share wisdom, network and support each other as we grow together as a sector.

Our sector is currently undergoing a period of significant change and renewal; it is the intent of the Growing Together 2011 Conference program to provide us with an opportunity to consider and reflect on this change by contemplating the differing views of others and hearing a voice from another perspective.

Join with us as we hear:

- The voice of Children and Families
- The voice of Educators
- The voice of Research
- The voice of Policy

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.



Sarah Riches
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Keynote Speakers

Wendy Lee



Wendy Lee has almost 40 years involvement in the early childhood education field and is the Project Director for the Educational Leadership Project in New Zealand. Wendy was the Co-Director of the National Early Childhood Learning and Assessment Exemplar Project. Wendy is also a committed early childhood researcher who has been involved in several research projects with Professor Margaret Carr. She is passionate about the impact of political trends on early childhood education, and has a deep interest in curriculum, leadership and professional learning issues. She has spoken extensively about these interest areas and her research at numerous international events and conferences.

Associate Professor Alma Fleet



Alma Fleet has a long history of engagement in teacher education, both with those currently working with young children in a range of settings and those who are just beginning their professional journeys. In her role as an Associate Professor at the Institute of Early Childhood, she is involved in teaching, research and advocacy across a wide range of issues related to children and the adults who work with them.

Alma Fleet's research interests include the nature of early childhood teachers' work, early literacy, the practicum in teacher education, the first years of school, reflective practice and the influence of Reggio Emilia in educational settings. Her recent studies concern practitioner enquiry as a change force as well as the professional pathways of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early childhood teachers. Her publication *Insights: Behind Early Childhood Pedagogical Documentation* explores pedagogy in a social justice frame and is co-edited with Catherine Patterson and Janet Robertson.

Growing Together 2011 Conference Program

Friday 28 October

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| 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm | <p>Welcome Reception and screening of Babies National Gallery of Australia, Parkes Place, Parkes</p> <p>A wonderful opportunity to meet and network with colleagues, speakers and supporters of the conference. We will be viewing a screening of director Thomas Balmé film Babies which shows one year in the life of four babies from around the world.</p> |
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Saturday 29 October

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| 8.15 am | Registration – Hotel Realm, Barton Tea & coffee on arrival Community Expo | | | |
| 9.00 am | Conference Opening Welcome to Country The Voice of Children and Families Photography Presentation | | | |
| 9.30 am | Keynote address – Wendy Lee Leading by the Heart and Soul: Using Magic, Being Moral, Creating Merriment and Mobilizing Ourselves and Others. | | | |
| 10.30 am | Morning Tea & Community Expo | | | |
| | The Voice of Educators | The Voice of Research | The Voice of Policy | Investigate, Imagine & Explore |
| 11.00 am | <p>Dr Fay Hadley <i>Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University</i></p> <p>Lisa Syrette, Jody Bindon-Howell & Kylie Buckley <i>AIS Caretaker's Cottage Child Care Centre</i></p> <p>Revitalising connections with families. A practitioner inquiry project examining partnerships.</p> | <p>Luke Touhill <i>Early Childhood Consultant</i></p> <p>Building on the past: Rethinking the design of children's services.</p> | <p>Wendy Lee <i>Educational Leadership Project</i></p> <p>Pedagogical Leadership: A powerful opportunity to build learner identity via 'learning story philosophy'.</p> | <p>Harriet Goodall <i>Artist-in-Residence</i></p> <p>Sculptural Random Weave Basketry</p> <p>A hands on session in which participants learn how to collect & prepare materials from their surroundings and then weave them into a beautiful sculptural basket.</p> |

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| 12.00 noon | Lunch & Community Expo | | | |
| 1.00 pm | <p>Nesha O'Neil <i>Norwest Child Care Centre</i></p> <p>EYLF Outcomes for Early Childhood Educators.</p> <p>Ultimately, in embracing the EYLF, we are aiming to facilitate for our children the realisation of the 5 core outcomes. This session reflects on educators and the embodiment of the EYLF outcomes in themselves.</p> | <p>Kylie Brannelly <i>Queensland Children's Activity Network</i></p> <p>My Time, Our Place.</p> <p>This session is a wonderful starting point for educators to begin their My Time, Our Place journey.</p> | <p>Danielle Stiff <i>Children's Policy and Regulation Unit</i></p> <p>A NQF Q & A conversation in which you can ask questions in regard to the roll out and implementation of the National Quality Framework and what it means for your service.</p> | <p>Sherry Hutton & Donna Burns <i>Irresistible Play Based Ideas</i></p> <p>We will show you how to create your own miniature world using a wide range of natural materials; a mini world that is easily transportable from one spot to another.</p> |
| 2.00 pm | Keynote address - Associate Professor Alma Fleet Re-thinking, Re-considering & Re-visiting: Planning in the Context of the EYLF | | | |
| 3.00 pm | Afternoon Tea & Community Expo | | | |
| 3.30 pm | <p>Nesha O'Neil <i>Norwest Child Care Centre</i></p> <p>Where has my Mummy gone?</p> <p>Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships are a central theme in the Early Years Learning Framework. This session explores these themes and the importance of them in the lives of children.</p> | <p>Associate Professor Alma Fleet <i>Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University</i></p> <p>This session will explore further the concepts discussed in Associate Professors Fleet's keynote address.</p> | <p>Leanne Gibbs <i>Community Child Care Co-operative NSW</i></p> <p>This session is an exploration into the development of an adult learning framework and how a multilayered approach to professional development and learning will assist us under the National Quality Framework and the EYLF.</p> | <p>Time available to complete creative projects.</p> |
| 4.30 pm | Reflections and Conference Close Alicia Flack Koné | | | |

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