
Event Agenda

2025 Bright Start International Conference - Early Years Excellence in Practice

Thursday, November 13, 2025

10:00 AM - 10:40 AM	Reach & Match Program: Global Impact in Disability-Inclusive Education Location: Virtual Room 3 - The Mosaic Room Speaker: Mandy Lau
10:00 AM - 10:40 AM	Children's Voices and Creative Practices in Early Childhood: Global Perspectives on Participation and Inclusion Location: Virtual Room 1 - The Vision Room Chair: Eirini Gkouskou ; Speakers: Sofia Child, Justina Chen Yi Yeen, Fan Li
11:00 AM - 11:40 AM	The Apiary Initiative of The Front Project: Transforming Early Childhood with Children at the Center Location: Virtual Room 1 - The Vision Room Speakers: Rachael Wilken, Fiona McKenzie, Mel Hill
11:00 AM - 11:40 AM	Navigating Difficult Conversations: Helping Families Understand Developmental Concerns Location: Virtual Room 3 - The Mosaic Room Speaker: Jenny Nechvatal
11:00 AM - 11:40 AM	Working Together: Supporting Children through Collaboration from a Finnish Perspective Location: Virtual Room 2 - The Nurture Room Speaker: Olga Saghar
12:00 PM - 12:40 PM	Screen Time with Purpose: Using Digital Tools Wisely in Early Language Learning Location: Virtual Room 4 - The Leadership Room Speaker: Saga Arola
12:00 PM - 12:40 PM	The Impact of Creative Movement in Early Childhood Development Location: Virtual Room 2 - The Nurture Room Speaker: Fatma Bicenturk
12:00 PM - 12:40 PM	Time, Technology, and Togetherness: Co-Constructing Professional Learning in Ireland's Early Childhood Education and Care Sector Location: Virtual Room 1 - The Vision Room Speakers: Dr Gillian Lake, Fiona Gómez, Kate Leal, Jennifer McCarthy
12:45 PM - 1:20 PM	Beyond Words: How Toddlers Express Themselves through Play and Creativity Location: Virtual Room 2 - The Nurture Room Speaker: Riris Silalahi
12:45 PM - 1:20 PM	Big Feelings, Little Learners: Fostering Emotional Regulation for Neurodiverse Children Location: Virtual Room 3 - The Mosaic Room Speaker: Emily Walz
12:45 PM - 1:20 PM	Dreaming Big for Young Children: Bold and Practical Ideas for the Future of Early Childhood Location: Virtual Room 1 - The Vision Room Speakers: Natalie Shaw, Viki Veale
1:30 PM - 2:10 PM	AI in Early Childhood Education: Enhancing Learning While Staying Child-Centered Location: Virtual Room 1 - The Vision Room Speaker: Dareen Charafeddine
1:30 PM - 2:10 PM	Little Minds, Big Discoveries: Bringing STEAM to Life in the Early Years Location: Virtual Room 2 - The Nurture Room Speaker: Susie Beghin

1:30 PM - 2:10 PM	The Importance of Social-Emotional Development in Children Diagnosed with Autism Location: Virtual Room 4 - The Leadership Room Speaker: Rebecca Reynolds
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Sustainability vs. Authenticity – a Vision for the future of Montessori in practice and for life. Location: Virtual Room 3 - The Mosaic Room Keynote Speaker: Catherine McTamaney ; Panelist: Darlene Abernathy-Neely, Gabrielle Holt, Charlotte Awdry
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	A Systems Thinking Approach to Strengthening Childcare Systems - ECDAN Location: Virtual Room 1 - The Vision Room Speakers: Brett Weisel, Shekufeh Zonji
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Supporting Children’s Early Literacy Development: Phonological Awareness Location: Virtual Room 2 - The Nurture Room Speaker: Cindy Jones
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	From Listener to Creator: Podcasting Made Simple for Professional Development Location: Virtual Room 4 - The Leadership Room Speakers: Amy Orville, Jenna Copper, Samantha Fecich, Julia Williamson
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Elevating Professionalism in Early Childhood Education Location: Virtual Room 1 - The Vision Room Speaker: Carla Ward
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Laying the Foundation: Building Executive Functioning Skills in Early Childhood Location: Virtual Room 4 - The Leadership Room Speaker: Shanelle Bolton
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Cultivating Brilliance: Empowering Parents to Support Young Gifted Minds Location: Virtual Room 2 - The Nurture Room Speakers: Gayle Bentley, Lin Lim
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Movement Matters: A Montessori Approach to Help Young Children Develop Their Fundamental Movement Skills Location: Virtual Room 3 - The Mosaic Room Speaker: Diane Craft
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	Getting It Done Right: 4 Leadership Tools to Increase Staff Retention, Collaboration & Satisfaction Location: Virtual Room 4 - The Leadership Room Speaker: Dana Staser
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	After You’ve Tried Everything for Challenging Classroom Behaviours and It Doesn’t Work— It’s Time to Push Past It! Location: Virtual Room 3 - The Mosaic Room Speaker: Angela Searcy
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	The Harmony Collective: A Trio of Educators Transforming Inner Dialogue Through the Power of the Arts Location: Virtual Room 2 - The Nurture Room Chair: Cecilia Roudabush ; Speakers: June Kinoshita, Tammy Vallieres, Margaret Boersma
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	The AI Mirror: What Generative AI Reveals About Our Teaching Gaps Location: Virtual Room 2 - The Nurture Room Speaker: Anastasia Betts
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Hands Down, Minds On: Cultivating Inclusive Conversations in Early Childhood Location: Virtual Room 3 - The Mosaic Room Speaker: Annete Calhoun
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Screen Time for 0-2: How Do We Fix A Broken System Location: Virtual Room 1 - The Vision Room Speaker: Will Maurer

Friday, November 14, 2025

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Navigating AI in Early Childhood Teacher Preparation: Faculty Reflections and Practical Guidelines Location: The Discovery Room Speakers: Ahmet Konca, Rob Miles, Nadya Moosa, Ian Parker
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Outdoor Math Magic: Nature as a Classroom for Early Learners Location: The Nurture Room Speakers: Rebecca Giles, Paige Vitulli
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Harmonising Inclusive Learning: A Neurological Approach to Integrating AI and Music Technology in Early Childhood Classrooms Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Joy Hernandez
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Integrating Cognitive Neuroscience and Holistic Development Practices in the Early Years Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Fatima Boush
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Wearable Tech Meets Early Years: Insights from Real-World Research Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Gemma Goldenberg
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Championing Equity and Inclusion: Culturally Responsive Approaches in Early Years Education Location: The Mosaic Room Speakers: Sally Hill, Erica Livy
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Tiny hands, shared screens: a UAE snapshot of early digital parenting. Location: The Nurture Room Speakers: Assia Nait Kassi, Antje von Suchodoletz
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Developing Inquiry & Advocacy in an Open-Concept Model Location: The Leadership Room Speakers: Sabine Luckhardt, Ami Hirsch, Ghida Jalloul
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	The Learner’s Voice: Transforming Engagement in Early Childhood Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Dr Kathryn Peckham
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	The Pivotal Role of the Practitioner in Supporting Self-Regulation in the Early Years Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Jayne Carter ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Tania Aghar
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Physical Literacy for the 21st Century Child: Tech-Smart and Active Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Trent Davis ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Slim Khemakhem
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Discover Literacy-Focused AI in Google Read Along Location: The Bright Start AI Lab Speaker: Cat Lamin ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Fatema Al Awadhi
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Intentional Interactions: Transforming Teacher-Child Interactions - The CIRPA Approach Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Esteban Morales ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Sahbi Hidri
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Montessori Exploration zone: Innovate and Imagine – Creating sensory experiences to play, share and inspire Location: Montessori Exploration Room Arena Facilitator: Anni McTavish
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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Every Child a Thinker: STEAM & Early Problem-Solving Skills Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Lea Ann Christenson ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Robin Ogdol
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	What Is the Impact of Early Intervention on Very Young Autistic Children and Their Families? Location: The Mosaic Room Speakers: Lucie Wheeler, Theodora Papatheodorou, Helen Viana ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Dr. Hiea Mizyed
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges Facing the Field of Early Childhood Education: Global Insights from Site Visits and Conversations with Field Leaders. Location: The Vision Room Co-Chair: Priti Verma, Slim Khemakhem ; Session Moderator – London: Dr Jacqueline Harding ; Speakers: Edward Clapp, Christina Smiraglia
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	The Art of Observation Location: The Leadership Room Speakers: Karen Chetwynd, Marvin Reyes ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Laila N. Boisselle
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Lion Breathing with Robots: Exploring AI in Early Childhood Environments Location: The Bright Start AI Lab Speaker: Jen Poulton ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Tasleem Kala
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12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Puppetry as Empowerment: Providing Opportunity for Every Child’s Voice to Be Heard Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Alexandra Ashworth ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Huda Alblooshi
12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	Empowering Educators to Support Multilingual Learners Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Karen Nemeth ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Laila N. Boisselle

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	From the Crib to Coding: How Early Learning Fuels the Future of AI Location: The Leadership Room Speakers: Aimee Ketchum, Crystal Loose ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Dr. Hiea Mizyed
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Leveraging Google’s NotebookLM in Early Years & Primary Settings Location: The Bright Start AI Lab Speaker: Katie Wells ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Britannie Diaz
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Reclaiming Care, role of families in Education Location: The Vision Room Co-Chair: Priti Verma, Slim Khemakhem ; Speakers: Gordon Harold, Verity Campbell-Barr, Dame Alison Peacock, Karen Chetwynd
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Reggio Reimagined: Developing a Principles-Based Curriculum for Meaningful and Joyful Learning Location: The Nurture Room Speakers: Melanie Moore, Gill Quantrell ; Session Moderator – London: Dr Jacqueline Harding
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Wheels of Change: Innovating Power Mobility for Every Child Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Sara Murchison ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Huda Alblooshi
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	2025 Voices of Children Pedagogy™ Leaders’ Forum Location: The Vision Room Co-Chair: Eirini Gkouskou, Susan Edwards, Priti Verma, Slim Khemakhem ; Speaker: Sarah Aiono ; Presenter: Andrea Lopes, Parul Sindhwani, Amrisha Salvan, Nadera Alborna
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	e-MoBo: A Social Robot Helping Young Children Recognize, Label, Express, and Regulate Emotions Location: The Discovery Room Speakers: Yarden Kedar, Keith Evan Green ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Robin Ogdol
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	The Role of the Montessori Guide Location: The Leadership Room Speakers: Karen Chetwynd, Jayde Davies, Marvin Reyes, Val Helliar ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Aisha Alteneiji
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2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Introducing Magic Tools in Canva Location: The Bright Start AI Lab Speaker: Hannah Matthews ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Savita Parashar
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Nature as a Classroom: Transforming Learning for All Children Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Katharina Ehrenfried ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Basma Abri

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Simple Moves, Big Impact: Early Years Movement Made Easy! Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Darlene Koskinen ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Fatema Al Awadhi
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Roots Before Wings: Nurturing Social & Emotional Well-Being in Early Childhood Through Play and Parent Involvement Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Theodora Bogiou ; Session Moderator – London: Dr Jacqueline Harding
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Therapy Animals in Early Learning Environments: Enhancing Social and Emotional Development Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Sara Bradley
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Growing Resilient Learners: Practical Approaches with the ROOTS Framework Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Amanda McCabe
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5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Stronger Together: Building Family and Community Partnerships for Every Child's Success Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Parul Sindhvani
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	From Classroom to Leadership: Driving Early Childhood Excellence Under Vision 2030 Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Nahla Gahwaji
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Montessori for Inclusion Location: The Nurture Room Speakers: Dame Alison Peacock, Catherine Mole, Marvin Reyes, Matthew Carroll
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Sustainable Play in Action: A Hands-On Journey for Every Child Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Caroline Kerr

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Meeting Families Where They Are: Navigating Hard Conversations with Compassion and Purpose Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Nicola Maher
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	From Burnout to Brilliance: Transforming Educator Wellbeing for Lasting Impact Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Rowena Hicks
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Montessori Magic: Crafting Materials that Inspire Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Romali Rosales Chavarria
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Invitations to Play: Unlocking the Magic of Child-Led Exploration Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Dr. Syeda Umm-e-Salma Rizvi
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Montessori Global Awards 2025 Ceremony Location: The Vision Room Ceremony Chair: Karen Chetwynd ; Master of Ceremony: Sarah Tucker
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Networking Reception with Buffet Dinner – London Location: Victoria Lobby

Saturday, November 15, 2025

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Future-Ready Teaching: Preparing Educators for the Age of AI Location: The Discovery Room Speakers: Rosina Merry, Graeme Severinsen
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Holistic Wellbeing in the Early Years: Practical Mind–Body Approaches Location: The Nurture Room Speakers: Ruba Tabari, Sahira Mahmood
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Inclusive by Design: Montessori Classrooms that Honour Every Child Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Dr. Brandon Gilbert
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Working Hand in Hand: Families, Educators & Communities United Location: The Leadership Room Speakers: Melissa Patrick, Leah Arnold-Phillips
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Putting the PIECES Together: Strategies for Inclusive Early Learning Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Michelle Furnell
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Playful Paths to Reading: Montessori Strategies for Early Literacy Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Jenny Amar
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	The Paradox of Play: AI in the World of Early Learners Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Laura James
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Flipping the Education Model Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Lauren Loquasto
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Participatory Innovation in Action: Ethical AI for Early Years Education Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Rob Miles
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Child-Led, Culture-Rich: New Pathways in Montessori Education Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Michelle Wisbey

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	From Identification to Support: Inclusive Practices for ASD & SEND in Early Learning Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Smitha Paul
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Family Engagement in Action: Practical Strategies for Early Childhood Settings Location: The Leadership Room Speakers: Khadija Aljasmi, Maryam Alshamsi
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Seeing the World Through Their Senses: Supporting Young Children’s Sensory Needs Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Gina Uttamchandani
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Hands-On Futures: Preparing Educators for Child-Led Montessori Learning Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Nadya Moosa
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	From Observation to Action: Equipping Educators to Bridge Early Intervention Gaps Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Essence Allen-Presley ; Session Moderator – London: Jen Poulton
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Preparing Great Teachers: From Training to Thriving in Real-World Classrooms Location: The Vision Room Speakers: Ahmet Konca, Priti Verma, Aisha Alteneiji, Erin Fitzgerald, Robin Ogdol
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	The Role of the Inquiry Educator in Play Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Sue Tee ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Tania Aghar
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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sherborne Developmental Movement: Playful Pathways to Inclusion Location: The Nurture Room Speakers: Amanda Turner, Kine Melfald Tveten, Unni Vågstøl, Amy Fowler ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Tania Aghar

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	2025 Professionalism & Leadership Forum & Meeting of the Special Interest Group (SIG) Members Location: The Vision Room Co-Chair: Eirini Gkouskou, Lizbeth Bullough ; Presenter: Jamie Wagler
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Storytime Meets STEM: Introducing AI Concepts in Early Childhood Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Vidhi Singhal ; Session Moderator – London: Dr Jacqueline Harding
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	The AI Bridge: Closing the Early Intervention Gap with Hyper-Personalized Learning for Children with Developmental Delays Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Martin Fung ; Session Moderator – London: Jen Poulton
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Global Lessons from Finland: What the World Can Learn from Finland’s Play-Based Education Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Sirpa Turves-Mankila ; Session Moderator – London: Dr Jacqueline Harding
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12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Play Pedagogy in Action -Scotland’s National Play Pedagogy Award: A Whole-School Approach to Children’s Rights Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Fiona Kirkland ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Fatema Al Awadhi
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	First Steps of a Little Artist: An Innovative Approach to Teach Early Childhood Children and Autistic Children How to Play the Piano Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Erman Turkili ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Huda Alblooshi
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Bridging Sectors: Educators & Physicians United for Early Childhood Location: The Leadership Room Speakers: Julie Taylor, Divya Kaushal, Frances Lim-Liberty, Deb Hoffer ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Sahbi Hidri
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Pause, Play, Connect®: A Toolkit for Educators and Caregivers Location: The Discovery Room Speaker: Debi John ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Robin Ogdol
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Smart Philanthropy and Scalable Systems: How AI Can Democratize Early Learning – Keynote Address by the Winner of the Khalifa Award for Education in the field of early childhood Location: The Vision Room Co-Chair: Priti Verma, Slim Khemakhem ; Session Moderator – London: Dr Jacqueline Harding ; Keynote Speaker: Candice Potgieter

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Capturing the Whole Child: Creativity and Movement in Early Assessment Location: The Discovery Room Speakers: Tracey Joyce, Kine Melfald Tveten, Elvin Aadland ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Robin Ogdol
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Montessori for All: Public School Leaders on Reform and Renewal Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Ian Parker ; Session Moderator – London: Elizabeth Slade
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Beyond Four Walls: A Therapeutic Case for Nature, Play, and Autonomy in Child Development Location: The Nurture Room Speaker: Kate Beckwith ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Laila N. Boisselle
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Making Inclusion Work: Thriving Classrooms for Every Child Location: The Mosaic Room Speaker: Anna Rowe ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Dr. Hiea Mizyed
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2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	AI Play Forum: A Global Think Tank. Building the Foundations of AI Literacies through child-led play. An integral Part of the evolving Voices of Children Pedagogy™ (2025-2030) Location: The Vision Room Co-Chair: Susan Edwards, Eirini Gkouskou, Priti Verma, Slim Khemakhem ; Keynote Speaker: Mutlu Cukurova ; Presenter: Jen Poulton, Hayley Peacock, Adrian Lim, Vahide Yigit Gencten
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Public Montessori in Action International: The System of Justness Location: The Leadership Room Speaker: Elizabeth Slade ; Session Moderator – Abu Dhabi: Ian Parker
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Theatre of Learning: Drama for Language Fluency and Cultural Awareness

Location: The Mosaic Room
Speaker: Evi Karydi

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

The Accidental ECE Leader: Empowering Lead Teachers to Guide and Support Their Teams

Location: The Leadership Room
Speaker: Jessie Marie, LBA, BCBA

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Teaching from the Heart: The Active Classroom

Location: The Nurture Room
Speakers: Sarah Jane Anthony, Kristín Einarsdóttir, Rachel Bennett

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Creativity at Play: Practical Tools for Imaginative Early Childhood Classrooms

Location: The Mosaic Room
Speaker: Katy Kelly