
Event Agenda

2024 Bright Start International Conference - Early Years Excellence in Practice

Fri, Nov 22, 2024

- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM** **Empowering Early Educators with Resilience and Hope**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Dr. L. Carol Scott
- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM** **Embedding the rights of babies, toddlers and young children as foundational in the updated Aistear, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework in Ireland.**
Location: Online Room_3
Speakers: Dr. Sharon Skehill, Lorraine Farrell
- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM** **The Baschet Sound Structures : A Musical Exploration with Young Children**
Location: Online Room_3
Speakers: Gina Ryan, PhD, Vincent Bouchard-Valentine, Charlene Ryan, Tanya Karamanos
- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM** **Enhancing Understanding of Children's Participation: Authentic Assessment in Home and Classroom Settings Aligned with ICF-CY**
Location: Online Room_2
Speaker: Catalina Morales
- 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM** **Supercharge Professional Learning Experiences!**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Susan MacDonald
- 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM** **You Can Do It: Boosting Independence and Discovery with Creative Arts through STEAM Stations in the Early Childhood Classroom**
Location: Online Room_3
Speakers: Amy Orville, Julia Williamson
- 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM** **Empowering Parents: Transforming Early Autism Intervention Through Remote Coaching and Video Intervention**
Location: Online Room_2
Speaker: Nicolas Krueckeberg
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM** **Compassion Counts: When Empathy is Elusive in a Culture of Care and Kindness**
Location: Online Room_3
Speaker: Amy Chiu
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM** **Doing the Right Thing: Establishing Morally Responsive Education and Care through the Theory of Moratherapy**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Sabrina A Brinson, Ph.D
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM** **Mobilizing Your Business Champions for Early Childhood**
Location: Online Room_2
Speakers: Sara Watson, Amlata Persaud
- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM** **A Friendship Between Creative Expression & Regulation During Routines**
Location: Online Room_3
Speaker: Cara Caudle
- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM** **Transforming Early Childhood: Interprofessional Screening for Health and Development in Resource-Limited Settings**
Location: Online Room_2
Speaker: Robyn Smith
- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM** **Creative Classrooms**
Location: Online Room_3
Speaker: Shari Tallon

- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM** **Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: Enhancing student's behaviors at school and beyond**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Lydie Leveille
- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM** **STOP! Cradle to prison pipeline for Black preschoolers: Strategies towards eradicating suspensions, expulsions, and exclusionary practices**
Location: Online Room_2
Speaker: Brenda Williamson, Ph.D.
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM** **Kid Writing (KW) as an Approach to Uplift and Amplify Children's Voices**
Location: Online Room_3
Speakers: Diane Waff, Claudia Gentile, Vera Lee, Nadia Mykysey, Ed.D
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM** **"I just ask a parent" - Partnering with Families the Smart Way**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Kim Bennett, Ph.D
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM** **Guidelines for Selecting Alphabet Books that Support Young Learners' Literacy Development**
Location: Online Room_2
Speakers: Cindy D'On Jones, PhD, Whitney Bowman
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM** **Enchanting Storytelling: The Influence of Literature and Language Arts in Early Childhood Education**
Location: Online Room_2
Speaker: Kayla Middleton

Sat, Nov 23, 2024

- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **A Vision for Early Childhood Care and Education: Global Perspectives on Current Trends, Challenges and Opportunities in Supporting Young Children's Learning**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Keynote Speaker: Lynn Ang ; Keynote Chair: Eirini Gkouskou
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **Exploring together: Empowering parents as partners in their children's interest development**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Dr Ellie Christoffina (Christa) van Aswegen
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM** **Montessori's Vision in Action. The Value of Opportunity: Seeing Potential in Every Montessori Moment**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Presenter: Preeti Patel ; Moderator: Andrea Garcia ; Speaker: Marvin Reyes
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **Everyday Magic: The Effective Moves any Educator could use to Reduce Incidents in the Classroom**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Dr. Angela Searcy
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **A New Approach to Early Childhood in Saudi Arabia: Parent and Teacher Insights on an Unconventional Programme**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speakers: Soha AlFahal, Samah Bakhotma
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **BE YOURSELF: BEYOND the screen – A virtual digital world to prevent and reduce bullying behaviours in children**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Arianna Pulsoni
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Presentation of a context-driven intervention targeting movement, play and exploration in early childhood education**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Speaker: Kine Melfald Tveten
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM** **Beyond Vocabulary: The LAVA TUBE Method for Proficient Language Development**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Lili-Ann Kriegler

- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Active Play for All! Including Young Children with Disabilities in Physical Activities with Their Typical Peers**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Diane Craft, PhD
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM** **From Buds to Blossoms – The Blossom Room**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Annie Pendrey
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM** **Montessori’s Vision in Action: Addressing and Overcoming Misperceptions**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Presenter: June Fileti, Jayde Davies, Karen Chetwynd ; Guide: Preeti Patel, Marvin Reyes
- 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM** **1st International Forum on Leadership and Professional Development in Early Childhood: Lenses of leadership in Early YearsM_PART A**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speakers: Eirini Gkouskou, Liz Bullough, PhD, Mireilli Forrest
- 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM** **1st International Forum on Leadership and Professional Development in Early Childhood: Lenses of leadership in Early YearsM_PART B**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speakers: Eirini Gkouskou, Liz Bullough, PhD, Mireilli Forrest
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM** **Cultivating Creativity: Early Childhood Environments that Inspire Self-Expression**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speakers: Rebecca Giles, Paige Vitulli, Ph.D.
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM** **Beating the Drum: Creating a Sound Environment for Language and Auditory Processing - PLEASE CHECK the "Organiser Announcements" in the Community section of the App to access the videos included in the presentation.**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Speaker: Sue Newman
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM** **Clay: Ideas taking shape**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Pete Moorhouse
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM** **Teach Me As I Am: Early Years and Universal Design Autism Best Practice**
Location: Online
Speaker: Zarah Doyle
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Woodwork: Exercising the imagination**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Pete Moorhouse
- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM** **Montessori’s Vision in Action: Ongoing school evolution to raise ambitions**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Presenter: Marvin Reyes, Preeti Patel
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM** **Unlocking Potential: Transformative Strategies for Parental Engagement in Early Childhood Education**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Dr Dumni Adeniyi
- 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM** **Young Children in Digital Society: Supporting children, families and educators with digital practices**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Speakers: Susan Edwards, Kate Highfield, PhD
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM** **Montessori’s Vision in Action: Home-Start and How Volunteer Networks Foster Community Connection**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Presenter: Hayley Williams, Karen Chetwynd

- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM** **Trócaire insights on how Development Education may be understood in the context of Aistear- the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework for Children from Birth to 6 years in Ireland.**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Colette Saunders
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM** **What do we mean by Emotional Literacy? Why understanding this must underpin practice and provision in ECEC**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Sue Allingham, Ph.D.
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM** **The Imagination Station: Empowering young learners to plan and create meaningful projects**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speakers: Anna Haydon, Alyssa Lunde
- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM** **Revolutionising Early Childhood: How AI Creates Custom Learning Journeys**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Annette Calhoun
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **Supporting Children's Expression and Social-Emotional Development through Play**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Christian Bellissimo
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **Using the Brain-SET Formula to Create Environments for Well-being, Inquiry and Playful Learning in Early Childhood Settings.**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Victoria Jones
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM** **The Global Crisis in ECEC: Reclaiming the Global Focus on Preschool Education's Power- PART A**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Chair: Christine Callender ; Moderator & Panelist: Jan van Ravens ; Panelist: Dame Alison Peacock, Bede Sheppard, Nafisa Shekhova
- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM** **Early Childhood Education in the Face of Climate Challenges.**
Location: Online Room_1
Speakers: Stefania Maggi, McKenna Corvello
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM** **The Global Crisis in ECEC: Reclaiming the Global Focus on Preschool Education's Power - PART B**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Chair: Christine Callender ; Moderator & Panelist: Jan van Ravens ; Panelist: Dame Alison Peacock, Bede Sheppard, Nafisa Shekhova
- 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM** **Advantaging the Disadvantaged in Early Education**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Rebecca Tarplett
- 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM** **Cultivating a Culture of Listening: Co-Construction and Research for Adult Learning**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speakers: Caroline El-Semman, Abi Kellett
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM** **A new shared quality policy: parents and children together!**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Cristina Ferrera
- 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM** **Innovative Approaches for Teaching Young Multilingual Learners**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Karen Nemeth
- 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM** **Tinkering: Leveraging Loose Parts Play for Meaningful, Engaging STEM Learning Experiences in Early Childhood**
Location: Online
Speaker: Kathryn Price
- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM** **Learning together - The power of becoming a collaborative community**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speakers: Sabine Luckhardt, Ami Lizarraga-Hirsch, Ghida Jalloul

- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM** **The use of digital technology in ECE settings in the UK and Korea: the impact of the Covid pandemic**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speakers: Rachael Levy, Jennifer Chung
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM** **LINK International Forum for Authentic Assessment for Early Childhood Intervention: International & Interdisciplinary Voices**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Chair: Stefano Bagnato, EdD., NCSP; Presenter: Marisa Macy, Kathleen Hebbeler, Ph.D, Catarina Grande, Vera Coelho ; Moderator: Gideon Sappor
- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM** **Montessori's Vision in Action: Meeting the Challenge of Taking, Sustaining, and Promoting Your Early Years Brand, Ethos, and Vision**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Presenter: Geeta Sidhu-Robb
- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM** **Empowering Early Childhood Development Through Technology: Bamba Learn App Live Demonstration**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speakers: Theresa Michael, Tessa Forman
- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM** **Montessori's Vision in Action: Successes and innovations - How Montessorians' varied careers make a difference in their communities**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Presenter: Jess O'Brien, Joanne McIntyre
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM** **Incorporating Professional Learning Community (PLC) Protocols to Foster Staff Representation in Professional Development**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Tracey Horton
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM** **Exploring the Globe: Inspiring Young Minds to Discover the World**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Trisha DePasquale
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM** **Integrating STEAM Education and Physical Play for Early Childhood Development**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speakers: Maho Kabasawa, Toshio Murayama
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM** **Incorporating Sensory Strategies to support children's learning**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speakers: Pui Pui Phoebe Cheung, Ana Olguin

Sun, Nov 24, 2024

- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **Where democracy enables the voice of children.**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Carrie Rose
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **Harnessing the Power of Visual Arts: Nurturing Children's Working Theories and Expression**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Debi Keyte-Hartland
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **1st INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON INTERGENERATIONAL APPROACHES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: Keynote Address: The Gift of the Hummingbird: Intergenerational learning in early childhood education for community wellness and social justice**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Keynote Speaker: Elisa Lacerda-Vandenborn ; Keynote Chair: Suzie O'Neill, Ph.D
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM** **Safeguarding Children in Cyber and Real-World Playgrounds - A global Pedagogical Movement to empower children and families in a harm dominant world**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Nicole Talarico
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM** **Can You See Me? Supporting Positive Attitudes in Inclusive Environments**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Delaney Carriere

- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM** **Listening to the voices of the children from the start of life: Laying the foundation for a lifetime learner learning from Japanese practice**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Mari Mori Ed.D
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **Engaging Young Minds: The Importance of Hands-On Curriculum in Early Childhood Education**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Amber Jayne
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **Unleashing Learning Power: Exploring Learning Power Approaches in Early Childhood Education**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Natalia Prochniak
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **Opening doors to imaginary playworlds to unlock the limitless possibilities in children - the Licketyspit approach.**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Virginia Radcliffe
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **Interactive Advocacy: Hands-On Exploration of Advanced Technologies and AI Tools**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Joe Labelle
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Playful strategies for authentic assessment in Early Childhood Education: play-based assessment.**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speakers: Carlos Montoya Fernández, Isabel María Gómez Barreto, Luisa Losada Puente
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **The Double Helix of Reading and Writing: a new model for teaching**
Location: Main Room 511
Speakers: Dominic Wyse, Charlotte Hacking
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM** **1st INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON INTERGENERATIONAL APPROACHES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: Implementing intergenerational learning environments through the art of storytelling**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Speaker: Fey Cole
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM** **The Evolution of Early Childhood Education (ECE) in Saudi Arabia**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Nahla Gahwaj ; Chair: Eirini Gkouskou
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **STEM Early Years: A Multimodal Approach to Early Years STEM Instruction**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speakers: Camsie McAdams, Simone Wellington
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM** **Lights, Camera, STEAM: Unlocking Children's Creativity and Agency through Dramatic Play**
Location: Online Room_1
Speakers: Rachel Dunne, Jade Farrell
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM** **1st INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON INTERGENERATIONAL APPROACHES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: Bringing a community together: stories from participatory research with grandparents**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Speakers: Daniela Mangione, Paulette Luff, Mallika Kanyal, Luisa Mascoli
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM** **Developing the "Madrasati/ Rawdaty" platform in the management of Saudi early childhood schools considering artificial intelligence trends**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Chair: Nahla Gahwaj ; Speaker: Rahaf Alzahrani
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM** **Learning About Learning: Exploring Neuroscience to Understand How to Improve Learning Outcomes and Offer Equitable Learning Experiences**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Rachel Robertson

- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM** **Using Multi-Tiered Systems of Support in a Comprehensive Assessment System to Include all Children**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speakers: Dr. Nicol Russell, Donna Fowler
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM** **Write from the beginning: Supporting strong hands for writing and sharing stories in collaboration with parents**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speakers: Sinead Harmey, Jennifer Chung, Fliss James, Isidora Castillo Raban
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM** **How Educators make neurodiversity-affirming practice visible in early years settings**
Location: Online Room_1
Speakers: Deirdre Field O Sullivan, Marguerita Magennis
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM** **Ready to explore the world?**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Hande Kizilöz
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **One Classroom at a Time: Building a Program of Play & Choice**
Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Mary Harper, PhD
- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM** **DEAR DAD (Drop Everything and Read-Dad)**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speakers: Cynthia Williams-Hills, Tasha Calhoun-Hills
- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM** **1st Voices of Children Pedagogy™ Leaders' Forum: Realising a Pedagogy of Voice and a Pedagogy of Listening for Young Children in Early Childhood Settings: Stories from the Field**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate 118
Speakers: Prof Emer Ring, Lisha O'Sullivan
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM** **Empowering Parents through the Art of Observation**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Roxana Haloiu
- 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM** **Push Past It! A P Positive Approach To Challenging Classroom Behaviors**
Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Dr. Angela Searcy
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM** **Integrating AI with Neuroscience-Informed Teaching: Enhancing Language Development in an Inclusive Pre-K Classroom**
Location: Marshgate Room 530 - Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Joy Hernandez
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM** **AI as a Culturally Relevant Pedagogue: Using ChatGPT to Create Early Years Lesson Plans Responsive to Children's Home Cultures and Languages.**
Location: Online Room_1
Speaker: Naheed Mukhi
- 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM** **1st Voices of Children Pedagogy™ Leaders' Forum: Sojourner Children's Perceptions of their Ethnic Identities through Drawing**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Speaker: Shahd Qutub
- 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM** **1st Voices of Children Pedagogy™ Leaders' Forum: What Would They Say? Empowering Children's voice by Integrating Art and Literature**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Speaker: Hala Mirza
- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM** **Multi-modal musical intervention influences communication and social interaction development in early years.**
Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Stephanie O'Kelly (Ang)
- 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM** **1st Voices of Children Pedagogy™ Leaders' Forum**
Location: Main Amphitheatre - Marshgate Room 118
Chair: Theodora Papatheodorou ; Co-chair: Eirini Gkouskou ; Presenter: Mallika Kanyal ; Case Presenter: Christina Chan Meijuan, Nurul Huda Yahaya, Ng Regina, Nur Ameera Senen

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Promoting Enquiry Based Learning in the Early Years Classroom

Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Cazzie Jude

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Playing with Words: Supporting Young Children with Language Delays

Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Ragan McLeod, PhD

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Building the foundations of AI in Early Years

Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Clio Brown ; Moderator: Hadassah Rajaratnam

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

AI in education: A global creative exchange and its role in boosting new pedagogies

Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Sandra Abegglen

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Playing with Purpose!: Crafting child-led centers that leverage play as a vehicle for learning

Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Debby Spitzer

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

An Overview of Trauma-Responsive and Resilience-Building Practices for Early Childhood Providers

Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speaker: Jane Bernzweig

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Metaphorical Thinking How to encourage and stimulate meaning making through multiple interpretations

Location: Marshgate Room 512
Speaker: Eloise Robinson

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Play Now and Then: intergenerational opportunities for learning and play

Location: Marshgate Room 509
Speakers: Ana Olguin, Pui Pui Phoebe Cheung

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Supporting Autistic Children in Early Years

Location: Marshgate Room 511 - Lecture theatre
Speaker: Autism Supports