Thursday 19 November 2026

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	Virtual Room 1 · The Vision Room	Virtual Room 2 · The Nurture Room	Virtual Room 3 · The Mosaic Room
09:00	**09:00–09:30** **Shaping Inclusive Futures: Supporting Invisible Disabilities through Proactive Design in Early Childhood Education** Alaa Gharib	**09:00–09:30** **Talking Together, Learning Together: The DEEP Approach** Ana Olguin	**09:00–09:30** **Global Online Poster Gallery (1): Preparing Teachers for Inclusion, Identity and Critical Thinking** Chair: Tania Al Aghar · Alya Almarzooqi, Helen Toohey, Hibah Binabdulrahman
09:30	**09:30–10:00** **Mapping the Developing Mind Beyond Five: Emerging Perspectives in Early Childhood Research** Fatima Boush	**09:30–10:00** **A Universal Language of Play: Fostering Child-Led Inquiry Through Open-Ended Environments** Youqian Chen, Ana Olguin	**09:30–10:00** **Protecting Children's Right to Play in a Structured World** Afaf Almenhali
10:00	**10:00–10:30** **More Than Human: Child-led ecological play and inquiry through curatorial pedagogy** Winsy Bamford-Flores, Yria Polydoropoulou	**10:00–10:30** **Whose Voice, Whose Decision? Re-Imagining research relations and Participation with Children and Families in ECEC contexts -A Practitioner Inquiry** Susan Sharpe	**10:00–10:30** **Creating Connections Australia: Building Educator–Family Partnerships for Children's Self-Regulation** Marqherita Ghezzi
10:30	**10:30–11:00** **A National Case Study of Home Visiting Services in Ireland: Enhancing Practice, Policy and Real-World Impact for Children and Families** Sinead McGilloway, Yvonne Leckey, Deirdre Forde	**10:30–11:00** **Global Online Poster Gallery (2): Learning Through the Body and the World Around Us: Space, Movement & Environment in the Early Years** Chair: Penny Lawrence · Charis Voutsina, Hamidah Ashrafi Fateha, Steve McGuirk	**10:30–11:00** **The Impact of Integrating ESD in Fostering Sustainable Behavior Among Young Children: Perspectives of Teachers and Parents in Selected Nurseries in the UAE** Zeinab Megahed
11:00	**11:00–11:30** **Global Online Poster Gallery (3): Children's Worlds, Children's Rights – Voice, Risk and Growing Up in an AI Age** Chair: Andrew Dean · Nolizel Franks, Saskia Messow, Elisavet Pasidi	**11:00–11:30** **Coaching for Quality in Early Childhood Settings A Practitioner Inquiry** Asyriawati binte Mohd Hamzah	**11:00–11:30** **Digital storytelling in childhood education: Perceptions of Saudi early childhood teachers** Manal Alharbi
11:30	**11:30–12:00** **Global Online Poster Gallery (4) - Evolving Voices of Children Pedagogy™ in Action: When Children's Voices Shape Learning** Chair: Andrea Lopes · Fernanda Bessa, Neeru Malhotra, Aditi Kumari	**11:30–12:00** **Everyday Moments, Growing Brains: A Review of Caregiving at Home and Early Learning** Hiea Mizyed	**11:30–12:00** **We Came for the Puppets. We Stayed for the Democracy** Njeri Gachathi
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12:30	**12:15–12:45** **Playing with Stories: Story Workshop and Loose Parts in Early Childhood** Elizabeth Sutherland	**12:15–12:45** **Leading Social-Emotional Learning in Early Childhood: Coaching Educators and Fostering Inclusive Practice Globally** Stephanie Campbell	**12:15–12:45** **AI for Every Child? Designing Responsible, Inclusive Artificial Intelligence for Early Learning Systems** Sukhna Sawhney
13:00	**12:45–13:15** **From Data to Development: How AI-Powered Quality Systems Are Transforming Early Childhood Practice at Scale** Nazley Giquel, Eugene Duvenage	**12:45–13:15** **Leading Phonemic Awareness at Scale: A Workshop Model for Educators and Family Engagement** Michele Byrne	**12:45–13:15** **What Do Forest Schools Teach Us About Children's Behavior? Less managing, more guiding!** Saundra Stiles
13:30	**13:15–13:45** **Neurodiversity-Affirming Trauma-Informed Care: Supporting Safety, Regulation, and Resilience in Children with Autism and Other Neurodevelopmental Differences** Amy Joyner, Jill Flynn	**13:15–13:45** **Purposeful Play for Four-Year-Olds: (Because Sitting Still Is NOT in Their Job Description)** Davina Todd	**13:15–14:15** **Global Online Poster Gallery (5)- Every Child's Voice, Well-being and Discovery: Agency, Inclusion and Playful Learning** Chair: Marie Nussbaum · Sukhna Sawhney · Constanza Fernández, Kathleen Mahoney, Fatma Abuareaf, Brototy Mishra
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15:00	**15:00–15:30** **Play Schemas in Action: Understanding the Hidden Patterns Behind Children's Play** Susie Beghin	**15:00–15:30** **Whose AI? Centering Young Children in Early Childhood Education's AI Future** Em Clark	**15:00–15:30** **Global Online Poster Gallery (8) - Nurturing Resilience: Shared Reading, Picture Books and Play in Times of Change** Chair: Hamda Kazim · Temilola Oyenuga, Kuri Chisim
15:30	**15:30–16:00** **Wired for Story: How We Shape Better Thinking Habits in the Early Years** Charlie Xavier	**15:30–16:00** **My Friend Chat GPT AI in the Daily Life of an Early Childhood Teacher** Kayla Middleton, Melissa Dawn Gatlin	**15:30–16:00** **Small Moments, Big Clues: The Power of Observation in Family Child Care** Johanna Vazquez
16:00	**16:00–16:40** **Global Online Poster Gallery (10): Connected Futures: Technology, AI, Agency and Systems for Child and Family Wellbeing** Chair: Dr. Raymond J. Schmidt · Nisha Parekh, Leanne Lacap, Jameela AlQadi	**16:00–16:30** **Artificial Care: A Systems View of AI Interference in Child Development** Kris Perry	**16:00–16:40** **Global Online Poster Gallery (9) - Play as a Voice: Participation, Inclusion and Emotional Expression** Chair: Lisha O'Sullivan · Emer Ring, Nazia Sharmin, Becky Hoare, Lilian Ndoro
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18:00	**17:45–18:15** **Child Led Play as a Pathway to Language, Agency and Learning** Shraddha Oza	**17:45–18:15** **The Beauty of Self-Initiated Movement in Infancy over the Lifespan** Holly Richards	

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