



### 2017 Early Childhood Education Conference – delegate registrations now open

Registrations are now open for the 2017 Early Childhood Education Conference - together we grow *the child in focus*. Go to [togetherwegrow.com.au](http://togetherwegrow.com.au) to view the [Conference Program](#) and to [secure your seats](#) at the Conference.

Brought to you by ELAA and Gowrie Victoria with our Gold Sponsor, the Victorian Department of Education and Training, the Conference covers a huge range of topics from numeracy, literacy and children's rights to integrated service models, professional ethics and much more. There's also:

- a trade fair featuring over 50 exhibitors with the latest in early learning products and services
- morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on both days
- cocktail party on the Friday evening
- prizes
- fantastic opportunities to network with colleagues from across Victoria and Australia.

#### Biggest program in the Conference's history

This year's Early Childhood Education Conference is the biggest yet with 74 speaker sessions on offer. With a theme of *the child in focus* some of the many highlights include:

- The Hon. Jenny Mikakos MP (Vic Minister for Families and Children) – Conference opening.
- Professor Ted Melhuish – Keynote address re *Early childhood experience and its impact on children's educational and socio-emotional development through to adulthood*.
- Bruce Hurst – *Development isn't something that just happens. It is also something you do.* (Children's development and the importance of age in children's identities).
- Carmel Phillips & Anne Stonehouse – *Too high, to low, just right: expectations of very young children*.
- Rhonda Livingstone – *Children's identity, growth and sense of belonging – connection and engagement through community*.
- Saturday morning panel discussion - *Bably talk: theoretical perspectives and observations as pedagogical foundations* with Anne Stonehouse, Sandra Cheeseman, Katherine Whitty and Professor Edward Melhuish.
- Nicole Pilsworth, Dr Jane Page, Gracie Pupillo, Anna Russell & Rebecca Sabo – *Educational leadership: making a difference to children's learning and development*.
- Georgie Meyer and Alex Price – *Five hundred children and one museum*. (The creation of the new Melbourne Museum Children's Gallery).
- Cheryl Neilson and Jennifer Sebire – *The integral role of relationships on early brain development*.
- Heather Barnes – *STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics): supporting teaching, environments and motivation*.
- Ann Slater and Karen Anderson – *Our story of three educational services: our practices and journey embedding First Peoples perspectives into our community*.
- Stacey Fox (Mitchell Institute) – *What policies do we need to make sure every child has the opportunity to be a confident and engaged learner?*

... and many more high quality presentations from early learning professionals.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS PREMIER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SECTOR!**

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**When:** 26–27 May 2017

**Where:** Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne

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