

2024

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

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Our Guiding Principles

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

We view the child as central in all decision making. Our facilitators respect the diversity within our communities and understand the impact of disadvantage on families and children.

RELATIONSHIPS & SPIRIT

We offer a spirit of optimism, reverence and curiosity and value the idea of a community of learners. We see positive learning happening when participants are able to critically reflect and connect with peers.

INNOVATIVE & INSPIRATIONAL

We are committed to the provision of training sessions that excite and motivate development and change. We want participants to leave with a "can do" attitude that infects those around them.

AUTHENTIC & COLLABORATIVE

Our facilitators are practitioners who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge. Currently living or having lived similar professional journeys, we offer a shared perspective on dilemmas and resolutions.

CONTEMPORARY & RESEARCH BASED

Our courses are designed using evidence-based best practices, consistent with the principles of adult learning, and structured to promote linkages between research, theory and practice.



Our Events



KU LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

KU Learning and Development offers a carefully crafted calendar of ‘boutique’ offerings that invite teachers and educators into important conversations about professional identity, practitioner knowledge and experiences of learning.

This boutique calendar provides rich professional learning opportunities that are grounded in research and draw on multiple voices from different landscapes of practice. It is designed to enable participation across an entire series or in singular sessions.

OUR PRESENTERS

These events will be facilitated by contemporary thinkers and influential leaders who are experienced early childhood professionals.

They also have the skills to design and deliver engaging professional learning that complements, supports and challenges individual learning contexts.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CALENDAR EVENTS

To register for our events, you can:

- ▶ Go to the links provided for each event on the following page.
OR
- ▶ Go to www.ku.com.au/professional-development and click on **All Public Courses**.
You will see all courses listed in date order.

Literacy, literature and language

TALKING ABOUT LITERACY, LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE ONLINE SYMPOSIUM

Monday 27 May – Monday 17 June

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Video 1: The Bookshelf

Presenter: Janet Robertson

Video 2: Emerging literacy

Presenter: Dr Leonie Arthur

Video 3: Language and literacy through storytelling

Presenter: Jo Henwood

Video 4: Technology literacy and language development

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Video 5: Connecting literacy and the arts

Presenter: Dr Gai Lindsay

Video 6: Language rich environments

Presenter: Kirsty Liljegren

Video 7: Supporting children with English as additional language

Presenter: FKA Children's Services

Video 8: What happened to our old favourites? Picture books, tokenism and stereotypes

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Relationships and Children

NESA ACCREDITED – GUIDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR IN PRACTICE (3-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Tuesday 20 & 27 February & 5 March

[Click for more information](#)

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: Dr Criss Jones Diaz

Wednesday 3 & 10 April

[Click for more information](#)

CULTURAL IMMERSION – MORE THAN A PERSPECTIVE (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: KU Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Team

Wednesday 17 April

[Click for more information](#)

NESA ACCREDITED STAFF RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES: GROWING INSIGHTS AND BUILDING TRUST (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Tuesday 7 & 14 May

[Click for more information](#)

or Tuesday 27 August & 3 September

[Click for more information](#)

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: Dr Criss Jones Diaz

Tuesday 16 July

[Click for more information](#)



Pedagogy and Practice

A SENSE OF WONDER: CULTIVATING AN ECOLOGICAL IDENTITY IN YOUNG CHILDREN (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: Ann Pelo

Thursday 21 March

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NESA ACCREDITED – WHO'S DRIVING THE BUS: EDUCATIONAL LEADERS STEERING PRACTICE (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Tuesday 9 April

[Click for more information](#)

or Thursday 11 July

[Click for more information](#)

NESA ACCREDITED – WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOCUMENTING? (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Wednesday 1 & 8 May

[Click for more information](#)

or Tuesday 13 & 20 August

[Click for more information](#)

NESA ACCREDITED: DOCUMENTATION: FIND THE STORY WORTH TELLING (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Tuesday 21 May

[Click for more information](#)

or Tuesday 1 October

[Click for more information](#)

WHAT, WHY AND HOW OF PHILOSOPHY (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Wednesday 22 & 29 May

[Click for more information](#)

or Wednesday 9 & 16 October

[Click for more information](#)

NESA ACCREDITED – EXPLORING EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN THE EYLF (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Education for Sustainability

Tuesday 4 & 18 June

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or Thursday 12 & 26 September

[Click for more information](#)

CREATING A PLACE FOR PLAY (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Saturday 15 June

[Click for more information](#)

CRITICAL REFLECTION ON PRACTICE (3-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Thursday 20 & 27 June & 4 July

[Click for more information](#)

NESA ACCREDITED – CHILDREN IN THEIR COMMUNITY: PLACE-BASED PEDAGOGY (ONLINE)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Monday 15 July

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INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Tuesday 23 & 30 July

[Click for more information](#)

or Tuesday 22 & 29 October

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Infant and Toddler Pedagogy

THE LIFE OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE (5-PART SERIES)

Wednesday 15 May – Wednesday 11 September



Part 1: Hearing the voices of infants and toddlers

Presenter: Dr Deborah Harcourt

Wednesday 15 May

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Part 2: Rituals and care moments with infants and toddlers

Presenter: Toni Christie

Wednesday 12 June

[Click for more information](#)

Part 3: Language without words – How 100 languages can support joyful and responsive relationships with infants and toddlers

Presenter: Clare Comedoy

Wednesday 3 July

[Click for more information](#)

Part 4: The peer relationships of infants and toddlers

Presenter: Dr Belinda Friezer

Wednesday 7 August

[Click for more information](#)

Part 5: Understanding toddler behaviours

Presenter: Toni Christie

Wednesday 11 September

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Arts Pedagogy

SPEAKING THE LANGUAGES OF ART: SLOWING DOWN TO LISTEN AND CONNECT (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: Ann Pelo

Friday 22 March

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MUSIC FOR EDUCATORS WHO DON'T FEEL MUSICAL (HALF DAY EVENT)

Presenter: Jamie Madsen

Tuesday 23 April

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EXPLORING THE VISUAL ARTS – BUILDING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO ENRICH CHILDREN'S ARTS LANGUAGES (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: Dr Gai Lindsay

Tuesday 9 July

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