

2025

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.

Community Relationships

TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS ONLINE SYMPOSIUM

Monday 26 May – Monday 16 June

[Click for more information](#)



Video 1: Place-based pedagogy

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Video 2: Pedagogy beyond the gate

Presenter: Karen Anderson

Video 3: The voices of families

Presenter: Kelly Goodsir

Video 4: A case study: Building strong relationships with your community

Presenter: Jackie Staudinger – KU Macquarie Fields Preschool

Video 5: Diversity in your community

Presenter: fka Children's Services

Video 6: Transition to school

Presenter: Dr Kathryn Hopps

Video 7: Making connections in your community

Presenter: Karen Hope

Video 8: Connections between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities and early childhood education services

Presenter: KU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Team

Relationships and Inclusion

RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Wednesday 2 and 9 April
[Click for more information](#)

or Wednesday 23 and 30 July
[Click for more information](#)

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

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Tuesday 29 April and 6 May
[Click for more information](#)

or Monday 11 and 18 August
[Click for more information](#)

HAVING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH FAMILIES (ONLINE)

Presenter: Jennifer Ribarovski

Monday 19 May
[Click for more information](#)

or Monday 1 September
[Click for more information](#)

EMOTION COACHING: A TRANSFORMATIVE TOOL (ONLINE)

Presenter: Beth Macgregor

Wednesday 18 June
[Click for more information](#)

BUILDING CHILDREN'S EXECUTIVE SKILLS: A BRAIN-BASED APPROACH (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: Beth Macgregor

Tuesday 15 July
[Click for more information](#)



Pedagogy and Practice

NATURE'S PLAYGROUND: CULTIVATING EARLY LEARNING IN THE OUTDOORS (3-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Wednesday 5, 12 and 19 February | or Thursday 4, 11 and 18 September
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NESA ACCREDITED: WHAT, WHY AND HOW OF PHILOSOPHY (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Wednesday 26 February and 5 March | Monday 13 and 20 October
[Click for more information](#) | [Click for more information](#)

UNDERSTANDING THE PLANNING CYCLE (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: Catharine Hydon

Tuesday 25 February and 1 April | or Tuesday 10 and 24 June
[Click for more information](#) | [Click for more information](#)

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

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Monday 14 April | or Tuesday 26 August
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WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOCUMENTING? (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Wednesday 1 and 8 May | or Tuesday 22 and 29 July
[Click for more information](#) | [Click for more information](#)

CREATING A PLACE FOR PLAY (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Monday 12 May | or Tuesday 8 July
[Click for more information](#) | [Click for more information](#)



Pedagogy and Practice

CRITICAL REFLECTION ON PRACTICE (3-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Wednesday 14, 21 and 28 May | or Wednesday 15, 22 and 29 October
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NESA ACCREDITED: INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Thursday 22 and 29 May | or Wednesday 17 and 24 September
[Click for more information](#) | [Click for more information](#)

DOCUMENTING WITH CHILDREN (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: KU Learning & Development Team

Monday 26 May | or Tuesday 7 October
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DOCUMENTING WITH CHILDREN (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Thursday 5 and 12 June | or Tuesday 12 and 19 August
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EXPLORING EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN THE EYLF (2-PART ONLINE SERIES)

Presenter: KU Education for Sustainability

Wednesday 11 and 25 June
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CHILDREN IN THEIR COMMUNITY: PLACE-BASED PEDAGOGY (1-DAY EVENT)

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Monday 14 July
[Click for more information](#)



Infant and Twos Pedagogy

THE LIFE OF INFANTS AND TWOS FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE 5-PART ONLINE SERIES

Wednesday 17 May – Wednesday 3 September



Part 1: Making sense of planning for under threes

Presenter: Kelly Goodsir

Wednesday 7 May

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Part 2: Early Learning Matters: Start with the babies

Presenter: Dr Andi Salamon

Wednesday 4 June

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Part 3: The relationships between Teachers, Educators and under threes

Presenter: Dr Andi Salamon

Wednesday 2 July

[Click for more information](#)

Part 4: Environments for play and connection

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Monday 6 August

[Click for more information](#)

Part 5: The freedom to move: the development of movement in infants

Presenter: KU Learning and Development Team

Wednesday 3 September

[Click for more information](#)

Arts and Technology

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE (HALF DAY EVENT)

Presenter: James Madsen

Tuesday 15 April

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HANDS ON TECHNOLOGY (HALF DAY EVENT)

Presenter: KU Learning and Development

Wednesday 16 April

[Click for more information](#)

or Tuesday 9 September

[Click for more information](#)

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

Presenter: Dr Gai Lindsay

Wednesday 8 October

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