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The Early Years International Professional Practice Conference 2018 will be hosted by Omagh Branch of Early Years

EARLY YEARS INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE CONFERENCE 2018

at the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh

7th & 8th June 2018

“The importance of early childhood development initiatives in building a shared and peaceful future”



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



Dr Rima Salah

Former Deputy Executive
Director for External Relations
for UNICEF



Michael Lindstrom

Founding Principal of studioMLA

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This conference will be valuable to anyone who works within the early years sector including local and national government officers, early years specialists, managers and practitioners, SureStart Coordinators and staff, nursery and childcare providers, management committee members, health professionals, education and social services staff, childcare students and community partnerships.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- ◆ Learn from professionals and key experts
- ◆ Refresh and enhance your knowledge
- ◆ Network with others
- ◆ Pick up educational resources
- ◆ Hear and learn practical take home messages
- ◆ Take part in relevant discussions and debates
- ◆ Learn about new products and services
- ◆ Enhance your continuing professional development

THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2018

PRE-CONFERENCE STUDY VISITS

9:15am – 11:30am

The field visits are planned for early years practitioners and teachers. Hosted by Early Years members, they provide an opportunity to experience first-hand how young children are supported in early years settings.

STUDY VISIT VENUES:

Playtime, Eskra
Rainbow SureStart

Cornabracken Daycare, Omagh
Ardstraw Community Playgroup, Ardstraw

Shared Education Partnership Visit– Tru Beginnings, Emyvale; representing the partnership with Woodland Adventure, Augher and Clogher Valley Playgroup, Clogher

FRIDAY 8th JUNE 2017

The Conference Fee covers delegates to attend two keynote addresses, one panel session and one workshop.

Panel Sessions will be facilitated by a number of local and international experts.

PANEL SESSION THEMES

SESSION 1 - *Quality child centred shared environments for young children*

SESSION 2 – *Emotional Intelligence: Positive, Safe and Protective environments for children to express and explore feelings*

SESSION 3 - *Supporting the Workforce: Training and Ongoing CPD for those working with young children and families in shared environments*

SESSION 4 - *Working with parents and the community within the early years sector in conflict affected societies*

SESSION 5 - *The power of the early childhood sector to contribute to peacebuilding and reconciliation*

SESSION 6 - *The role of the early years sector nationally and internationally in advocacy for children and bringing pressure to bear for peace*

Panel Sessions will take place in the morning (11:30am – 1:00pm).

After lunch, delegates will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of workshops (2:30pm – 4:00pm) including HighScope Music and Movement, Fun with Drums, Respecting Difference and Importance of Physical Design for Children and Families with a Special Focus on Inclusion and Good Relations.



Official Launch - Sharing from the Start



A new Shared Education Project supported by the European Union Peace IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.

A number of local and international speakers have been confirmed to facilitate a range of panel session and workshops, including:

- Linsey Farrell – Urban Villages, Racial Equality & Communities in Transition Division Strategic Policy, Equality & Good Relations Directorate
- Alejandro Acosta - CINDE, The International Centre for Education and Human Development
- Siobhan Fitzpatrick – Early Years – the organisation for young children
- Ljiljana Vasic – Pomoc deci Serbia
- Josh Feder – Child and Family Psychiatry
- Ali Shaar - UNFPA Representative Office for Palestine Education and Training Inspectorate
- Zoe Kernohan Neely – Early Years – the organisation for young children
- Lauri McCusker, Catherine Ward and Hazel McFarland – Fermanagh Trust
- Norma Rudolph - Independent Consultant, South Africa
- Professor Margalit Ziv - Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts, Tel Aviv
- Noletta Smyth, Fiona Scullion – Early Years – the organisation for young children
- Elaine Sterritt, Marian Baker – HighScope Ireland
- James Hamilton -Fun with Drums NI

VENUE DETAILS

The Silver Birch Hotel, 5 Gortin Road, Omagh BT79 7DH; 028 8224 2520 www.silverbirchhotel.com



CONFERENCE FEES

	Member		Non Member	
	Early Bird	Normal Rate	Early Bird	Normal Rate
PRE-CONFERENCE STUDY VISIT	£ 20	£ 24	£ 40	£ 48
FRIDAY CONFERENCE PACKAGE	£ 70	£ 84	£ 120	£144
COMBO (PRECONFERENCE STUDY VISIT and FRIDAY CONFERENCE PACKAGE)	£ 85	£ 102	£ 145	£ 174

* Eventbrite fees will be applied at checkout

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH EVENTBRITE FROM 30th April 2018

For more details please contact: Lisa Crawford, Event Manager, lisac@early-years.org; 028 6863 3098