



Eco Centres for Early Childhood

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Over 2009-10, four regional hubs of expertise in environmental sustainability were created in the Sydney region. In 2011, with the support of Crows Nest TAFE, ECEEN will offer staff and families from participating services a series of five, free workshops. They will provide practical opportunities for each service to embed sustainability into the curriculum and operations. A Quality Improvement Plan will start the change process in a holistic manner. Participants will be introduced to local resources and explore strategies for sustainable alternatives within their services.

To build a team to drive meaningful change at your service we recommend a commitment by everyone (staff, families and licensee). This series of interactive workshops will cover areas including Connecting with Nature and Biodiversity, Well-being and Environmental Health, Resource Management and Waste, and Community Connections including local council resources. The workshops will also assist participants to engage with the National Quality Standard using the sustainable principles embedded in Eco Smart.

To participate in this FREE project you will need to become a member of NSW Early Childhood Environmental Education Network (ECEEN) and register by emailing info@eceen.org.au (further details will be sent with confirmation).

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Julie Gaul is an originator and prime mover of NSW ECEEN, an Early Childhood teacher with over 25 years experience working with children and holds a Diploma in Horticulture in Landscape Design and Arboriculture. Julie is passionate about connecting children with nature, education for sustainability and linking people with their community.

Deb Watson holds a Bachelor Education in Early Childhood, a Masters in Management and a Cert. IV in Workplace training and assessment. Deb has managed a range of children's services over a 30 year period. Deb has worked for Local and State governments and taught in Tertiary Education she is passionate about supporting sustainability within Early Childhood services.

BOTH are members of NSW ECEEN and the Australian Association of Environmental Educators. They have presented on the Education for Sustainability subject to a number of forums in Australia and New Zealand.

WORKSHOP DATES:

6.30pm Thursday 20th October

6.30pm Thursday 27th October

6.30pm Thursday 10th November

6.30pm Thursday 17th November

6.30pm Thursday 24th November

Location of workshops will be confirmed by email.

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