



Call for Workshop Abstracts

New Zealand Home Based ECE Association Conference 2018

21 to 23 September 2018, Grand Millennium Hotel, Auckland

Abstract Deadline: 8 April 2018

Invitation for Workshop Abstracts

The New Zealand Home Based ECE Association conference is held annually. It gathers together different groups in the home based early childhood education and care sector throughout Aotearoa New Zealand – service owners, managers, teachers, educators, nannies and au pairs.

We invite abstract proposals for workshops relevant to the conference kaupapa. We want to hear from you, to share your stories, your experiences and your successes with conference attendees, and to learn about latest trends, issues and research affecting our sector. We encourage information sharing and networking that go beyond individual interests and disciplines.

Conference Kaupapa – “Getting to the heart of it”

Whanaungatanga is these three things:

- connecting with self
- connecting with others
- connecting with the environment and the non-physical world.

We know that the relationship is ALL to the child. It is the strength of the relationship that enables tamariki to be confident in their own abilities. Through their interactions with others, their experiences become richer and more significant, enabling them to learn, engage and reflect.

For us to be fully connected to the child, we need to know the child within ourselves. We need to bring love, joy and zeal to the relationship, within an environment that enables tamariki to develop a depth of relationship with the natural world.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari hea toa takitini.

I come not with my own strengths but bring with me the gifts, talents and strengths of my family, tribe and ancestors.

Submitting a Workshop Abstract

- Please submit your abstract electronically to admin@hbca.org.nz
- The deadline is **5.00 pm on Sunday 8 April 2018**
- Successful presenters will be notified by **Sunday 29 April 2018**

Abstract Guidelines

- Workshops are 90 minutes, including question time.
- You can choose to present to a cross-section of attendees, or for a specific group of:
 - educators, nannies, au pairs
 - visiting teachers, coordinators, educational team leaders
 - service providers, managers, owners.
- Limit your abstract to a word count of 150 words, including the title.
- Provide a short biography of about three sentences for each presenter.
- Indicate if you would like to present more than one workshop.

Presenter Registration for Conference

Successful presenters are expected to register for the conference. Each workshop presentation is eligible for ONE presenter registration discount of half price registration. If more than one person is presenting, the discount can be split.

Presenters fund their own conference travel and accommodation.

Background – Who We Are

- The New Zealand Home Based Early Childhood Education Association (formerly called the NZ Family Day Care Association) began in 1987 to support people in the home based sector with advocacy, professional development and networking.
- The NZ Home Based ECE Association advocates for home based ECE in Aotearoa as an early years learning option. The Association liaises with government and relevant agencies, promotes qualifications and professional learning and development, and provides a united voice for members on topical issues.
- The Association is an incorporated society and a non-profit organisation. It represents the viewpoints of home based ECE as a whole, not a particular service. The Association is fully funded from membership subscriptions.
- The NZ Home Based ECE Association's membership is open to:
 - Practitioners: educators working in their own home, nannies, au pairs
 - Mentoring/ supervisory staff: visiting teachers, coordinators, educational team leaders
 - Service providers, organisations, agencies managing licensed home based ECE services
 - Affiliate membership for training providers and anyone with an interest in home based ECE.