



Call for Workshop Abstracts

New Zealand Home Based ECE Association Conference 2018

20 to 22 September 2019, Chateau On The Park-Christchurch (a DoubleTree by Hilton) Christchurch

Abstract Deadline: 24 May 2019

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 – *‘Stories of identity, language and culture’*

Homebased early childhood education in Aotearoa is a unique context that supports the identities, languages and cultures of all children. Our bicultural curriculum affirms and celebrates cultural difference and aims to help children gain a positive awareness of their own and other cultures. We need to nurture a place to stand together, our belonging place, our turangawaewae.

At this conference we aim to speak to the past, present and future of our ākonga as global citizens in a rapidly changing and increasingly connected world.

Come and join with us as we hear and tell the stories of identity, language and culture, ensuring we give the children opportunities to connect with place, land and nature to ensure this is written in their stories and in their hearts.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti ka ārahi i ā tātou mahi

(Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work)

Submitting a Workshop Abstract

- Please submit your abstract electronically to admin@hbca.org.nz
- The deadline is **5.00 pm on Friday 24 May 2019**
- Successful presenters will be notified by **Friday 31 May 2019**

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.