Outdoor Play and Learning Special Interest Group

European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA)

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1. Publications

(Selected examples)


2. Symposia at EECERA 2015

At the EECERA conference in Barcelona, Spain 9 self-organised symposia from the Outdoor play and Learning SIG, including 27 presentations are going to take place.

3. Bids

Eva Årlemalm-Hagsér has applied for conference grants for the SIG-group from the Swedish Research Council. The focus on the activity is Outdoor play and learning in early childhood – different theoretical and cultural perspectives. The decision from the Swedish Research Council will come in June, after that, if there is a positive answer the planning of the conference starts.

4. International Handbook of Outdoor Play and Learning

We now have a book contract from SAGE to publish the Handbook of Outdoor Play and Learning in 2017. The Handbook is edited by SIG members Ellen Beate Sandseter, Eva Årlemalm-Hagsér, Libby Lee, Kristi Lekies, Shirley Wyver and Tim Waller and will include over 40 chapters, including a number written by SIG members. The Handbook will include chapters from authors representing countries from across the world, including Europe, North and South America, Africa, Australasia and Asia-Pacific countries. The book is clearly structured in six separate sections each supported by their own editorial team, as follows:

- Six discrete, but complementary sections
i. Theoretical frameworks and conceptual approaches for understanding outdoor play and learning

ii. Critical reflections on policy and regulation in outdoor play and learning

iii. Children’s engagement with nature, sustainability and children’s geographies

iv. Diverse contexts and inclusion in children’s outdoor play environments

v. Methodologies for researching outdoor play and learning

vi. Links between research and practice

The SIG has secured funding for an editorial conference in Sweden in early September 2015 and has also organised a writing workshop for Handbook authors preceding the EECERA conference in Barcelona on 7 September.

6. Membership of the SIG
The total number of members is now 106 (14/5/15).

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