



ECO Learning Network Conference 2016 Pedagogy and Practice in Nature Education

Saturday April 16, 9am-4pm

Mueller Hall, Birdwood Avenue, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria - Melbourne

The Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Network's vision is to bring together the teachers who work with children in nature to learn from each other, to develop our techniques and pedagogical understandings.

ECOLN's first conference will offer a distinctly Australian take on educating young children in outdoor and wild environments, ranging across seemingly mundane but crucial practical details to the philosophical explorations that motivate our work. Speakers will be from the academic world as well as practising educators and the day will include networking opportunities.

Keynote: Dr Sue Elliott - Pedagogical provocations: Not just why nature is good for children

Is it timely to deepen our understandings of past and emerging theoretical perspectives and the current sustainability-nature nexus? Can we move beyond this nexus by critically reflecting on pedagogy in nature settings? What pedagogical repertoire do practitioners typically bring to these settings and how might we rethink this repertoire to more fully realise the potential of nature play?

Breakout 1

Tour of RBG's Ian Potter
Foundation Children's Garden

Breakout 2

Karen Anderson, Balnarring
Theory into practice - distilling
the core ways to "do" outdoor
education

Breakout 3

Deb Moore, Monash Uni
Children's relationships with
trees and their influence on
imaginative play

ECO Learning Network Panel: Naked Education

Embedding community, relationships and Indigenous perspectives in outdoor learning

Barefoot Networking: ECO Learning EXPO

More information available at: <http://earlychildhoodoutdoorlearning.weebly.com>

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/KIUA> OR <http://www.trybooking.com/181688>

\$80 full / \$60 concession/student

Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.