

EDUCATIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE 2022

Upskilling the education and care sector



Wednesday 27 July 2022

9:30am – 2:30pm AEST

FREE Virtual Event

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Catharine Hydon from
Hydon Consulting*



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Acknowledgement of Country

Community Child Care Association (CCC) acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of this nation and the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work. We recognise their continuing connection to culture, land, water and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. We acknowledge the strength of family connection and kinship within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their ongoing dedication to educating and caring for children. Sovereignty of these lands was never ceded.



The artwork featured is by Yorta Yorta and Gunnai artist Dixon Patten. It depicts the cultural learning journey Community Child Care Association is on. Get the full story in our Reconciliation Action Plan: bit.ly/InnovateRAP

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9.30am

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Julie Price

Executive Director, Community Child Care Association

9.35am

KEYNOTE

Apps, iPads and Clouds: Pedagogical Decision Making in a Digital World

For better or worse, digital technology is now a feature of our pedagogical practice. Every day in services across the country, educators are making pedagogical decisions that incorporate digital technology – from social media posts that alert families to upcoming events, to sharing photos of children engaging in play on a range of platforms. These technologies have made children's learning more visible than ever before. But, there is a dark side that has inadvertently trapped pedagogical practices in the adult world of fast paced posts, minimal charters and 2min grabs.

Catharine counteracts the traditional either-or response to digital technology, and unlocks a third option that can maximise possibilities to deliver meaningful and rich lessons for early learners.

Catharine Hydon

Director and Principal Consultant, Hydon Consulting

10.20am

Movement session

This 5-minute session is designed to get you moving! We're taking a moment to recharge before a jam-packed afternoon.

Tash Jack

Personal trainer

10.30am

Lighting talk: The dignity and rights of the child

It can be challenging to maintain high expectations for children whilst ensuring each child's rights and their needs are also being met. We explore the challenges that may arise from our biases, and discuss measures we can put in place to counter this mindset.

Narelle Lawton

Professional Support Consultant, Community Child Care Association

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10.50am

Lightning talk: Supporting the team in responding to children's challenging behaviours

How do you support others to understand what children's behaviours are telling us? How do you help them plan for positive behaviours? We offer some simple strategies to start your educator team reflecting and exploring their own expectations and what might be going on for children when they are offering up some behaviours that challenge us.

Caitlin Mason

Professional Support Consultant, Community Child Care Association

11:10am

Panel discussion: Making connections

In this panel Q and A session, Daniela Kavoukas chats with educational leaders from across the sector to find out what keeps them going, what inspires them, and how they build meaningful and lasting connections with children, families, and their communities.

Daniela Kavoukas

Services Manager, Community Child Care Association

11:50am

Lunch break

Stretch your legs, have some lunch, and we'll see you again shortly (or hang around for some more snippets of inspiration over the break!)

12.30pm

How to support educators' wellbeing in your service

How people feel at work, as well as how they are recognised, affects their likelihood to stay in a role and continue working in the sector. Join Nikki as she shares her research-based workforce wellbeing framework and unpacks all the things that can affect wellbeing. Gain insight, develop strategies to support your team, and pick up practical tips to encourage educators to look after themselves.

Nikki Graham

Early learning evaluator and researcher, Community Child Care Association

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1.15pm

The educational leader's journey

Daniela will dig deeper into leadership in education and care, and the important role educational leaders play in supporting educators and teachers in their services.

Daniela Kavoukas

Services Manager, Community Child Care Association

2.00pm

The importance of advocacy

Julie will introduce you to our 'roadmap for education and care' which brings to life our vision for Australia's education and care system over the next ten years. We'll explore the role of Community Child Care's advocacy, and how it has supported children's services to achieve better outcomes over the last 50 years.

You'll also hear about professional development, membership, and consultancy opportunities available through CCC.

Julie Price

Executive Director, Community Child Care Association

2.25pm

Closing address

Julie Price

Executive Director, Community Child Care Association

2.30pm

Finish



Speakers

Catharine Hydon

Leading expert and dynamic speaker

Catharine has a long, rich history in early education. Having worked as an educator, project leader, and consultant, she has first-hand experience with the struggles faced by the sector. Catharine endeavours to guide early childhood practice and pedagogy, quality improvement, policy and governance, and engaging vulnerable children and families.

Catharine Hydon is the Director and Principal Consultant at Hydon Consulting. A knowledgeable and engaging facilitator, Catharine draws on her experience working in a broad range of early childhood settings to provide innovative solutions and build capabilities.



Julie Price

Executive Director, Community Child Care Association

Julie is a skilled leader and manager. Julie joined Community Child Care Association as project manager for the Victorian Inclusion Agency. In just six weeks Julie led the establishment of nine regional offices, the recruitment of 50 staff state-wide, and the operationalisation of the strategic plan. Now, as our Executive Director, she draws on her studies in organisational psychology to lead CCC into this next phase of development. Her vision is to build on the strong history of CCC as a leader and advocate for not-for-profit and community-owned education and care services.



Speakers

Daniela Kavoukas

Service Manager, Community Child Care Association

Daniela is a tenacious leader. Early on in her first director job, Daniela discovered her service was on the brink of closure. Through determination and strong leadership, she steered her community-owned co-op from struggle to success. Daniela's acumen as a talented educator was recognised when she was awarded the Inspirational Educator Award in 2013 and the National Teaching Award in 2014. She is also a former board member of the Children's Services Coordinators Association. Daniela is passionate about providing a voice for service directors and educators on the issues that matter to them.



Nikki Graham

Early learning evaluator and researcher, Community Child Care Association

Nikki Graham knows data. Before she was an evaluator and researcher, Nikki was a kindergarten teacher, family day care educator, OSHC team member, and Inclusion Professional. Nikki has worked in a mix of community-run and private OSHC services, as well as provided support to OSHC in her time as an Inclusion Professional. Along with Masters in Education (Early Childhood) and a Graduate Diploma in Evaluation, Nikki's unique skillset has seen her work across a range of projects for the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Productivity Commission.



Narelle Lawton

Professional Support Consultant, Community Child Care Association

Narelle is an experienced education and care consultant with a demonstrated history of working in the education and care sector for over 25 years. Narelle consults with a range of education and care services including early childhood and school-aged care. Previously Narelle has been the director of a community not-for-profit children's centre for 14 years. Now working as a professional support consultant with Community Child Care Association, Narelle specialises in critical reflection, community relationships, leadership, business viability and advocacy. Narelle has a Bachelor of Education, Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management and Diploma of Community Services (Centre Based Care) and is skilled in coaching, facilitation, leadership and consulting.



Speakers

Caitlin Mason

Professional Support Consultant, Community Child Care Association

Caitlin has consulted with a range of education and care services including early childhood and school-aged care under the Commonwealth Inclusion Support Program for over 10 years and previously as an educator in long day care and OSHC for a further 9 years. Caitlin has an extensive understanding of the inclusion of diverse cultures in education and care services. Now, working as a professional support consultant with Community Child Care Association, Caitlin specialises in critical reflection, community relationships, inclusive programming, and supporting children's behaviour. Caitlin is skilled in coaching, facilitation, leadership and consulting with a Diploma in Children's Services, Bachelor of Social Science and also currently undertaking Graduate Diploma of Psychology focused at the University of Adelaide.



Tash Jack

Personal trainer

As the owner and trainer of Fitness Kick, Tash knows how to get your body moving! With over 20 years of experience, Tash is a fitness expert and also the personal trainer of some of Australia's biggest names.





About us

Established in 1971, we are the voice of community-based early childhood education and outside school hours care (OSHC) services in Victoria. We helped set up the very first community-owned services in Australia. Today, we continue to support and champion both community-owned services and the wider sector.

We're active across the state, providing leadership and advocacy, working with governments, and supporting services with membership, quality professional development and consultancies.

We support long day care, OSHC, kindergarten, family day care and occasional care educators, teachers, leaders, coordinators and directors.

Community Child Care Association is the Victorian peak for community-owned education and care. We are also the state peak for OSHC.

Our heritage as a sector leader means we're the go-to organisation for projects, like the Victorian Inclusion Agency.

Join CCC or find out more at www.cccinc.org.au

