

Leadership challenges for the next decade

a day of exploration and provocation with Dr Margy Whalley

Tuesday 23 February 2010

The Australian Government's vision for the next decade is that "All children have the best start in life to create a better future for themselves and for the nation". The intention is that the implementation of Early Years Learning Framework will "extend and enrich children's learning from birth to five years and through the transition to school." The achievement of the COAG aspirations of improved outcomes for children will involve ECEC leaders in a significant change process.

Do leaders possess the knowledge, skills, passion, determination and support to fully engage their teams in improving outcomes for children? How is effective leadership enacted?

Margy Whalley proposes that the type of leadership required is embedded in concepts of "leaderfulness". During the session, participants will have the opportunity to listen to Margy's theories for effective early years leadership including insights from research, policy development, professional development and practice. A particular focus will be on why engaging with families is essential to achieving pedagogical outcomes for children.

During this interactive forum, participants will work with Margy to develop their understanding of 'leaderfulness' and the related theme of 'democratic action' that is, processes within early childhood settings that consider citizenship, agency and power.

The focus will be on what can be achieved at the local level of delivery and practice within services. What are the challenges? What questions do we have? What are the opportunities? How are 'leaderful teams' created?

Participants will work collaboratively during the day to develop a 'blueprint' for action. This plan will include:

- Actions: What will you do?
- Quality and efficiency: How well will you do it?
- Effectiveness for 'customers'. How will you know if anyone is better off?

Places are strictly limited, register online now at www.pscsa.org.au

For more information, contact the Gowrie Training Centre on 08 8234 5219 or email train@gowrie-adelaide.com.au

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