

Inner West Sydney REAIE Meeting

Tuesday 2nd March

Explore and Develop Leichhardt

6pm-8pm

Attendees

Deb Garrett, Emma Cullen, Su Garrett, Mel Elderton, Kirsty Piendl, Kylie Lawson, Alicia Roberts, Bec Wong, Xanthe Young, Heidi Zhou, Kahra Gianesi, Tamara Doherty, Claire Nguyen, Karen Dresser, Helen Smith, Rowena Robinson, Emily Carvalho, Claire Frogatt, Robyn Lee, Alison Olding

Apologies

Ruth Mules

Minutes

Agenda and minutes to be posted in Facebook group moving forward

Apologies from Deb and Emma for the delay in getting the minutes online

Painting – history: identity of group handed to E and D Leichhardt

Research symposium – 9th-10th July

Webinar – 18th March: Encounter with paper

Context for coherent pedagogy: Mel is participating in August and October

Member site – so much available: check out online

REAIE looking at equity and diversity and preparing a RAP in the coming year

Research – Marion and at Betty Spears, Deb: Teachers as Researchers leaves – transitions, arteries of life, veins in the leaves Margo Hobba and Chris Celeda
Carla Rinaldi: How can we build relationships when we are separated by the internet? –

“there are a hundred ways of expressing the concept of teachers as researchers; it is a part of the architecture of thinking of the educational project of Reggio Emilia. Working as teachers as researchers can’t be taught, it is only possible to feel it, it must be experienced, it is a real part of life.”

Deb

History will remember when the world stopped – book by Donna Ashworth
Shared a beautiful poem, which resonated for those working in early childhood services

Bec – Explore and Develop Leichhardt

Staffing changes – reworking teams

Working on outdoor learning and programming – more purposeful

Utilised carpark – for monthly events eg. line dancing

Action research - revisit previous documentation

Connecting with community –Kegworth, artworks

45 staff

Philosophy review – individual philosophies: sharing between rooms, survey for families, open up to children

Karen – Betty Spears

Loose parts – sharing this information with the community
Sharing through the windows – to the community
Redeveloped nature playspace
Thinking about the outdoor area and the resources available
Reflection on values – children, educators, families

Deb

Research Question proposed for 2020

How would you make the world a better place?

Kylie – Abbotsford LDC

Waves – what would waves look like, mosaic mural: The Waves of 2020
Playspace refresh: grass and yarning circles
Outdoor program reflection
Listening and looking: observation
Artist in Residence: Assemblage Sisters in Marrickville

Deb

We encourage you to share in the Facebook page – ideas or reflections, please post. We'd love to see what you are working on and wondering in between meetings.

Mel – Explore and Develop Annandale

Starting an anti-bias program, working with Red Ruby Scarlet: what are the goals, and what will the actions look like for our centre. Based on reflections after work with Koori Curriculum. Looking for richer depth and meaning, and for all educators being involved.
Katie has put in a paper for the research symposium – outdoor teacher: children as environmental activists
Reviewing philosophy – artwork, depth of reflections, do values still fit? Is wonder a value?

Feedback for REAIE

Website difficult to navigate, and REAIE team difficult to get in touch with them.

Rowena

Lots of change – new Director, hopeful of fresh energy
Philosophy review
Embedding Indigenous perspective
Impact of lockdown

Clare and Robbie – Gumnut Kindergarten

Transition back to preschool age group
Bringing a new team together

Emily - Reddam

Sustainability
Indigenous perspectives
Community links through Covid

Deb

What is the eye that looks through the window seeing? Community perceptions

Alison- Forestville

New to our group and wanting to embed ideas in her service.

Helen - Uniting Ella Early Learning

Change of ages: 6 weeks – 3 year olds in one space

Looking at developmental skills through the ages eg. scissor skills,
conversational skills all starting with the youngest children: continuity

If you'd like to join the Facebook page, please get in touch with Deb or Emma

Thanks to the Explore and Develop Leichhardt for hosting.

Next meeting: 26th May Inner West FDC with Rosie