



# TO LIVE OUT LOUD

## ALL IRELAND CONFERENCE:

Explore, play and learn through the arts in childhood settings



### Workshops

### Keynote Speakers

### Exhibits

DANCE MOVEMENT DRAMA STORYTELLING PUPPETRY MUSIC  
SOUND PAINTING DRAWING MALLEABLE MATERIALS JUNK ART  
SCULPTURE 3D TEXTILES FABRIC PHOTOGRAPHY ANIMATION  
NATURAL MATERIALS

**Saturday 22nd October 2016 - Hodson Bay Hotel Athlone**



## Background Information

The National Childhood Network (formerly BCCN, Border Counties Childhood Network) has a long history of working on cross border projects with Early Years, the organisation for young children to increase the level of investment, information, training and support for the early childhood sector in the Southern Border Counties and Northern Ireland.

As part of a common agenda to enhance children's health, well-being, learning and development NCN and Early Years have joined with Play Board (NI) to organise an All-Ireland Conference to promote play based Arts experiences in a broad range of Early Childhood and After School settings across the island of Ireland catering for children from 3 months - 12 years.

Experiencing and enjoying music, dance, storytelling, art, puppetry, drama and other art media from birth enriches children's lives. All childhood settings provide a valuable environment within which children can explore, play and learn through the Arts.

The conference title is taken from a quote by the French writer Emile Zola. The full quote is as follows:

**“If you ask me what it is I came here to do, I, an artist, will tell you. I am here to live out loud”.**

This speaks of the necessity, for an artist, of being able to make visible the richness of their inner world, which without a viable means of expression, would remain contained within the individual.

In early childhood and after school settings practitioners have an invaluable role to play in acknowledging, recognising and nurturing children's latent creativity and artistic ability and to make opportunities and good provision of resources available to them for all aspects and stages of their development. Through understanding the necessity of ensuring good provision for a range of arts experiences, practitioners can endeavour to ensure that all children have equal access to opportunities and experiences that will support them to develop to their true potential. Through fostering well developed connections with parents and families practitioners can also extend that support far beyond the remit of the setting.

Picasso said *“All children are artists. The only problem is how to remain an artist when we grow up”*. Arts rich environments and supportive practitioners are invaluable in helping children remain artists of one art form or another. Arts rich environments are also important for promoting children's emotional and mental health as well as providing the experiences from which children can learn and develop in many different ways.

The conference will provide valuable information and guidance as to how to best provide for a range of play based arts experiences for children in a range of settings using a variety of key note speakers, workshop presenters and project displays drawn from the arts, education, health and play communities on the island of Ireland.



## Programme

- 9.15 Registration, refreshments and exhibitions**
- 10.30 Welcome**  
Imelda Graham NCN Chairperson and Jacqueline Mc Laughlin, CEO Play Board (NI)  
Large Group Event
- 10.45 Opening Address - Valuing the Arts for Children's Health & Well-being**  
Sarah Mc Cormack National Programme Lead, Healthy Ireland, Health & Well-being Division
- 11.00 Morning Key Note Address: To Live Out Loud: Explore, Play and Learn Through the Arts**  
Grainne Powell, Chief Executive, Sticky Fingers Arts
- 11.45 Choice of Workshops**
- 12.45 Lunch & View Show Casing Displays and Exhibitions**
- 2.30 Afternoon Key Note Address - Arts Matter within All Curriculums**  
NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment)  
CCEA (Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Awards)
- 3.00 Choice of Workshops**
- 4.05 Closing session and a surprise to send you on your way home**
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## Workshops

For children to have enriching arts experiences three things are essential: the knowledge, experience and attitude of the practitioner towards the arts and creativity; adequate time and space within which children can explore and play with artistic materials and media; access at all times to a diverse range of materials and creative play opportunities.

The workshops will build on the presentations of key note speakers and be available in the morning and afternoon.

1. Education Through Movement & Dance
2. Drama
3. Storytelling & Puppetry
4. Music & Sound
5. Painting & Drawing
6. Malleable Materials & Sculpture
7. The Art of Play Using Loose Parts and Natural Materials to Create a 'Play-full' Environment for Children of all Ages
8. Light & Creativity
9. Digital Media
10. Circus Skills

## Exhibitions and Showcasing Projects

- ✚ A range of Showcasing Arts Projects from across the island of Ireland will be available to view during the day
- ✚ Publications and resources for the sector will also be on sale from various companies



# Booking Form

(Please complete one booking form for each delegate)

## Delegate Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Service /Organisation /College  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Role within the Childhood Sector

Owner/Manager \_\_\_ Room Leader \_\_\_ Baby & Toddler Practitioner \_\_\_

Pre-school Practitioner \_\_\_ After School Practitioner \_\_\_ Tutor/Lecturer \_\_\_

Other \_\_\_ Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## Workshop Choices

Please tick your **four** favourite workshops on the conference booking form in order of preference. It is important to note that while the conference organisers will strive to accommodate your choices this may not be possible.

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Seminar Cost (Including lunch/Key Note Speakers/2 Workshops) €65 per person  
Spaces are limited to 200 delegates so early booking is essential

**BOOKING AND PAYMENT TO NCN IS ESSENTIAL BEFORE FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

## Payment Details:

You can book and pay online @ [www.ncn.ie](http://www.ncn.ie)

You can print this form and forward then pay by cheque or pay direct to our bank account

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