

Action on Aboriginal Perspectives in Early Childhood (AAPEC) presents

The Possum Skin Pedagogy Professional Learning Project

Professional Learning Opportunity – Semester 2, 2018



Image Credit: Annette Sax

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In 2016, Warrawong funded AAPEC to develop a Victorian early childhood pedagogy focusing on the possum skin cloaks of the Victorian Aboriginal community. Indigenous early childhood consultant Dr Sue Atkinson Lopez consulted with 7 Aboriginal Victorian Aboriginal Elders and senior community members to design the content of the 'Possum Skin Pedagogy: A guide for early childhood practitioners'.

The document produced discusses 7 themes that can be explored with children referencing the possum skin as a marker of the maintenance and revival of Victorian Aboriginal culture and identity. During the final consultations with the Aboriginal participants it was requested that the guide be supported by a focused professional learning project to ensure its respectful and culturally appropriate implementation.

What is the Possum Skin Pedagogy Professional Learning Project?

The Possum Skin Pedagogy Professional Learning Project is funded by The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies (AGECS) and will be conducted over 4 mornings in semester 2. Aimed at practitioners working directly with children, the program will be lead by Annette Sax, a Taungurung woman and early childhood consultant, and Denise Rundle, an experienced early childhood practitioner, with input from Victorian Aboriginal Elders and senior community members.

Participants will attend four face-to-face sessions in Pascoe Vale from 9.30am-12.30pm on the following dates:

Session 1: Friday 27 July 2018

Session 2: Friday 17 August 2018

Session 3: Friday 14 September 2018

Session 4: Friday 16 November 2018

The learning project also comprises on-line discussions, reflective dialogues, and completing a professional learning project around implementing and evaluating what you have learnt during the sessions and how this knowledge impacts on your teaching.

Who should apply?

- 1) You need to work directly with children in a registered children's service (birth-12yrs)*
- 2) You need to be supported by your employer who will need to sign-off your application*
- 3) You must commit to the entire program as outlined above.*

We have only 30 places available and are looking for a wide variety of participants to take part, in terms of the work setting, ages of children in the work setting, experience, qualifications and cultural background.

We are therefore restricting applications to one person per centre to help ensure a range of participants.

So, if you are interested in equity, want to establish/expand your knowledge of local Indigenous pedagogies, culture and communities please apply.

Cost

\$220 GST incl.

Other

Please BYO device.

How to apply

Fill in the online application form explaining why you are interested in being part of this program, as well as addressing selection criteria 1-3 above. Also describe the benefit for you as an individual, children, families, your profession and your employer in being part of this program.

Online applications close Monday 28 May 2018.

Applicants will be notified by Monday 11 June 2018.

Click here to apply

Contact

Queries can be directed to AAPEC via FKA Children's Services.

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