

Cultural Competency

The content of this Professional Development is aimed at ISF's, IPSU and BISS staff and explores the following:

What does it mean to be culturally competent?

What is culture and how do we understand the link between culture and quality pedagogy?

What is the role of the IPSP program in facilitating cultural competence?

So, what does it mean to be culturally competent? We all have a level of 'cultural loading' which determines how we act, understand and participate in the world. To be cultural competent means many things to many people. Developing a deeper understanding of diverse cultures enables individuals to unpack their own personal understandings of themselves and undertake a more critical understandings of the interface between ones own culture and the cultures around them.

The role of the ISF is critical in challenging practitioners to become more inclusive at both an ideological and pedagogical level. This professional development program is tailored for ISFs to unpack their own understandings of cultural diversity whilst also providing strategies to enhance children's services professionals understandings of diversity and culture.

Emergent Curriculum: A Primer for Educators

Emergent curriculum is regularly referred to as a contemporary approach to teaching and learning. It provides educators with new ways of thinking about the way they work with children. Central to an emergent curriculum are the ways in which adults construct the image of the child, the range of documentation used and the implementation of project work.

This professional development program will provide learners with an opportunity to:

- Develop knowledge about the foundations and essential components of an emergent curriculum;
- Review approaches to documentation and observation and develop new and effective ways to undertake this task;
- Re-image the role of the environment and ways in which it can be remodelled to maximize its potential as a part of the curriculum; and
- Explore ways to include project work into the curriculum.

Time: Cultural Competency - 9am - 12pm
Emergent Curriculum - 1pm - 4pm
Date: 13th of May 2010
Venue: Tompkins Park
Address: Cnr Dunkley Ave & Canning Hwy, Alfred Cove
Cost: \$80 per person

Morning tea & lunch will be provided.

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