



Every day *MATTERS*

For every child. For you. For impact.

C & K CONFERENCE 2024

The 2024 Call for Papers is
NOW OPEN!

Call for Papers: 2024 C&K Conference

Conference date: Saturday, 20 July 2024

Submissions open: Friday, 16 February 2024

Submissions close: Friday, 19 April 2024

Venue: Brisbane Royal International Convention Centre

Call for Papers

Following on from the success of the 2023 C&K Conference, we invite early childhood educators, teachers, policymakers, facilitators, academics, and researchers to submit their abstract for the 2024 C&K Conference. Last year, over 500 delegates attended the event from across the early years, government, not-for-profit and multicultural sectors.

Theme

This year's theme, "**Every Day Matters: For Every Child, For You, For Impact**" explores the significance of daily experiences and their impact on various aspects of educators' lives and the lives of the children we educate and care for.

The conference will focus on three broad streams:

1. Every Day Matters For Every Child

How can we create magical and connected moments that matter to children's daily experiences?

Whether your work highlights the crucial role of play in the early years, champions inclusive education, or elevates the voices and rights of children, we want to hear about your insights, research findings, and innovative approaches to inspire delegates to better understand how what they do matters deeply to the daily lives of children.

2. Every Day Matters For You

How can personal fulfilment, professional pride, and individual contributions help shape the landscape of the early years' sector while contributing to the meaningful work educators do every day?

How can our daily choices influence and empower our lives, our workplaces and our communities? Abstracts for this stream will share valuable insights that empower us collectively and as individuals to lead fulfilling lives.

3. Every Day Matters For Impact

How do the choices educators make every day contribute to the well-being of future generations, environmental sustainability, and advocacy for early learning communities?

Our sector plays a pivotal role in the future of a reconciled nation so we want to elevate stories, practices and voices of those who are embracing cultural safety, responding to actively working to address cultural harm, reducing equity and equality barriers, fostering children's connection to their culture and identity and forming respectful partnerships that empower First Nations communities and families. In this time of rapid digital technology evolution, we also want to hear from those with lived experiences with digital technologies to inform understandings and ensure educators (along with our children) can navigate the emerging social and ethical challenges of the digital age.

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Topics of interest

- **Culturally safe, inclusive and responsive kindergarten programs**
We encourage submissions from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presenters that showcase the rich cultural heritage, stories, perspectives and knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and those working on Close the Gap programs and research that deliver improved outcomes, equity and access for First Nations children.
- **Hands-on and practical workshops**
Proposals for interactive workshops that provide practical skills and knowledge for participants, with a particular focus on ways to improve children's early mathematics, numeracy, oral, literacy and physical learning outcomes.
- **Inspirational story-telling**
Stories of practice and experiences to motivate and empower delegates to make positive changes, achieve personal growth, and lead community development to make a difference in their and children's everyday lives. Special consideration will be given to submissions with an equity focus.
- **Environmental sustainability**
Explore how sustainable practices, pedagogies and initiatives can be incorporated into early learning environments.
- **Interactive technology**
Showcase innovative ways technology can enhance everyday experiences and learning outcomes.

From interactive educational tools to cutting-edge applications, demonstrate the positive impacts of technology on our daily lives, pedagogy and future.
- **Ethics of AI**
Delve into the ethical considerations of artificial intelligence including responsible use, potential societal impacts and ethical decision-making. Examples could include programming and planning a learning program, the ethics of chatbots that write learning stories or using internet-based technologies with children.
- **Educator wellbeing**
Practical strategies that support educators' well-being with a focus on managing stress and avoiding burnout, fostering a positive work environment, and promoting overall wellness and joy.
- **Reconciliation**
Explore initiatives and practices that contribute to reconciliation and deeper cultural safety and understanding.
- **Nature play**
Emphasise the importance of connecting with nature in daily life and how to create moments of joy through a well-designed nature play program. Share experiences, research, advocacy and practices that promote nature play and learning for children and adults alike.

- **Neurodiversity**
Explore the diversity of neurological conditions and how understanding and embracing neurodiversity can positively impact children, families, and communities, including neurodiverse educators.
- **Children's rights and consent**
Share best practices and research on the importance of respecting children's agency and seeking their consent in various aspects of daily life.

Submission guidelines

Authors are invited to submit abstracts of no more than 300 words, clearly outlining the objectives, methodology, and key findings of their work.

Submissions should align with the conference theme and one of the topics of interest.

Submission process

Please submit your abstracts via the **online submission form** indicating the chosen theme and topic of interest.

Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

Key dates

Abstract submission deadline:

5pm, Friday, 19 April 2024

Notification of acceptance:

First round notifications Friday, 8 May 2024

Conference date:

Saturday, 20 July 2024

Join us at the 2024 C&K Conference, where we explore the significance of seemingly ordinary moments and the extraordinary impact they can have on the world around us. Your insights and contributions, especially in these special focus areas, will contribute to a deeper understanding of how Every Day Matters, for every child, for you, and for impact.

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We look forward to your valuable contributions!



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