



**We are Connected,  
Curious and Creative**



**PROGRAMME**

**Queen's Hall, Dunoon  
Thursday 7th November 2019  
Argyll and Bute Education: Early Years**





# Programme

9:00 - 9:30	Registration, Refreshments and Networking	
9:30 - 9:45	Welcoming address	Anne Paterson Head of Education
9:45 - 10:00	Education address	Wendy Brownlie Education Manager Early Years
10:00 - 11:30	Connectedness, curiosity and creativity; How wellbeing and involvement foster these goals Part 1	Professor Ferre Laevers Julia Moons
11:30 - 11:50	Refreshment break	
11:50 - 13:00	Connectedness, curiosity and creativity; How wellbeing and involvement foster these goals Part 2	Professor Ferre Laevers Julia Moons
13:00 - 13:45	Lunch, refreshments and networking	
13:45 - 14:15	Being connected, curious and creative in Argyll and Bute - Our approach to curriculum design in the early years	Kathleen Johnston
14:15 - 14:30	What matters to me in ELC?	Slideshow
14:30 - 15:30	Look who's talking! The voice of the child	Professor Kate Wall
15:30 - 15:45	Plenary	Anne Paterson
15:45 - 16:00	A wonderful world Our children their future	Slideshow
16:00	Close	

# Guest Speakers - Biographies



Ferre Laevers is director of the Research Centre for Experiential Education based at the University of Leuven and former President-elect of the European Early Childhood Education Research Association. Most of his work is linked to the innovative 'Experiential Education' project (EXE) of which he was the founding father.

In EXE, a child's wellbeing and the intensity of his or her mental activity (involvement) is seen as a key indicator for the 'power' of the learning environment and a condition of deep level learning'. It has become an influential educational movement with a significant international impact, inspiring early years practitioners, teachers, trainers and researchers around the world.



Julia Moons has been participating in the Experiential Education project since 1980. As a preschool teacher she was involved in several action research projects and has made a major contribution to the development of practice that supports well-being and involvement in children. As a senior member of the Leuven EXE-team she supports several developmental projects and the international dissemination of Experiential Education



Kate Wall's work focuses on the development of innovative pedagogies and research methodologies (including visual approaches) that facilitate effective talk about learning (metacognition). She is interested in the development and exploration of democratic spaces where learners can talk about their experiences of learning. She led Look who's talking: Eliciting the voices of children from birth to seven, an international seminar series funded by the University of Strathclyde



# Useful Links

Argyll and Bute Council: Early Years	<a href="https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/early-years">https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/early-years</a>
ELC Knowledge Hub	<a href="https://khub.net/">https://khub.net/</a>
1140 hours - Expansion of ELC in Scotland 2020 (key documents)	<a href="https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/sali/2019/03/01/1140-hours-expansion-of-elc-in-scotland-2020/">https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/sali/2019/03/01/1140-hours-expansion-of-elc-in-scotland-2020/</a>
'Three Assets Approach': Curriculum Design and Pedagogy in the Early Years	<a href="https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/public/sali/uploads/sites/1389/2016/12/04160100/ELC-Three-Assets-May-2019.pdf">https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/public/sali/uploads/sites/1389/2016/12/04160100/ELC-Three-Assets-May-2019.pdf</a>
Look Who's Talking: Eliciting the Voices of Children from Birth to Seven (University of Strathclyde)	<a href="http://www.voicebirthtoseven.co.uk">http://www.voicebirthtoseven.co.uk</a>
SALi (Shared Argyll Learning ideas) all our early years documents can be found here and presentations following today's conference will also be posted here	<a href="https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/sali/early-years/">https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/sali/early-years/</a>
Our Children, Their Future Education Vision and Strategy	<a href="https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/argyll_bute_vision_strategy_final_web.pdf">https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/argyll_bute_vision_strategy_final_web.pdf</a>
Early Years Scotland	<a href="https://earlyyearsscotland.org/">https://earlyyearsscotland.org/</a>
The Scottish Government	<a href="https://www.gov.scot/">https://www.gov.scot/</a>
Education Scotland	<a href="https://education.gov.scot/">https://education.gov.scot/</a>
The Northern Alliance	<a href="https://northernalliance.scot/">https://northernalliance.scot/</a>
Care Inspectorate	<a href="https://hub.careinspectorate.com">https://hub.careinspectorate.com</a>
Inspiring Scotland - Thrive Outdoors	<a href="https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/our-funds/thrive-outdoors/">https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/our-funds/thrive-outdoors/</a>
SSSC	<a href="https://www.sssc.uk.com/supporting-the-workforce/leadership-improvement-and-continuous-learning/">https://www.sssc.uk.com/supporting-the-workforce/leadership-improvement-and-continuous-learning/</a>
Curriculum for Excellence - Refreshed Narrative	<a href="https://scotlandscurriculum.scot/">https://scotlandscurriculum.scot/</a>
National Improvement Hub - A Summary of ELC Resources	<a href="https://education.gov.scot/improvement/practice-exemplars/a-summary-of-elc-resources">https://education.gov.scot/improvement/practice-exemplars/a-summary-of-elc-resources</a>
Glow login	<a href="https://sts.platform.rmunify.com/account/signin/glow">https://sts.platform.rmunify.com/account/signin/glow</a>