

Goals of EDeNⁿ

- Empower children and adults by supporting their identity and sense of belonging
- Learn from each other across cultural boundaries and promote comfort with difference
- Foster critical reflection on issues of difference and bias
- Actively work together to challenge individual and institutional forms of discrimination

The EDeNn network provides a national platform:

- to consult on priority issues in ECCE
- to listen and critically discuss equality and diversity issues
- to develop and disseminate new resources
- to circulate two newsletters annually
- to hold seminars on relevant equality and diversity issues
- to develop and inform policy interests
- to work in collaboration with other networks nationally and internationally



EDeNⁿ

Brings together organisations, networks, individuals, County and City Childcare Committees with common goals about valuing equality and diversity in ECCE.

Founding Members include:

- Pavee Point 'éist' Training and Education Unit
- The Haven Community Childcare Centre
- Mayo County Childcare Committee
- Cork Early Years Anti Bias Network
- Early Childcare Services HSE Mayo
- Akidwa Women's Network
- Men in Childcare Network Ireland
- Cork City County Childcare Committee
- Clare County Childcare Committee
- Lourdes Youth and Community Services
- Barnardos
- CSER;DIT
- Integration of African Children in Ireland
- Kildare County Childcare Committee

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EQUALITY & DIVERSITY
EARLY CHILDHOOD
NATIONAL NETWORK

“The child needs to feel welcome, understood, included and valued”

(Síolta 2007)



What does the EDENⁿ Network do?

The main aim:

EDeNn supports organisations, trainers and practitioners to work collectively towards the inclusion of an equality and diversity approach as a core element in ECCE training and practice

We aim to achieve this by:

- Actively promoting the inclusion of an equality and diversity approach in ECCE
- Facilitating the sharing of information amongst organisations, trainers and policy makers
- Building on and complementing existing initiatives and 'best' practice
- Exploring possibilities to develop initiatives between research, training and practice
- Developing responses to national policy



Our Vision...

Our vision is to promote respect and support the right of every child and adult to participate as an equal and active citizen in early childhood care and education in order to be assured of their rights and to be free from all forms of individual and structural discrimination including racism, sexism, ableism, classism.

The network promotes equality and celebrates diversity in Early Childhood Care Education training and practice in line with the:

- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- UN Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UNICERD)
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Equal Status Legislation (2000 and 2004)
- Siolta Quality Framework 2006
- National Action Plan Against Racism
- National Children's Strategy
- National Development Plan
- Childcare (Preschool services) Regulations 2006

Why address Equality and Diversity Issues in Early Childhood?

- Children become aware of the positive and negative attitudes to difference held by family, friends, media and society at an early age and this impacts on their development
- All children have a right to develop in contexts where there is equality and respect for diversity
- Embracing and understanding equality and diversity in ECCE is essential to the development of civil society
- There is an absence of a comprehensive equality and diversity training approach at in-service and pre-service levels in ECCE training

