



Bristol & Bath ECHO and Early Education joint online CPD ***‘Children’s Creativity: A Quality of Thought’***

Saturday 2nd October 2021 - 10.30 am – 12 noon.



Join **Debi Keyte-Hartland** as she talks about young children’s creativity as a ‘Quality of Thought’. Carlina Rinaldi, of the schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy, speaks about creativity as being a specific way of thinking. Debi will illustrate these interesting and challenging qualities identified by both Rinaldi and Malaguzzi in relation to creativity in the early years. She will share this concept along with UK based case studies of ‘Visual Thinking’, in which children quite naturally engage in multimodal communication, using the Expressive Arts to explore and express their working theories about the world around them.



Children’s thinking is always more complex than their ability to talk about it and the arts act as an additional language for children to represent their knowledge and ideas. Creativity brings together the interweaving threads of cognition, emotion and aesthetics and when educators are listening in and attuned, it helps them to understand children’s creative thinking and ways of being through their non-verbalised thoughts. Debi will explore pedagogy, practice and environments that generate possibilities for rich, creative and visual thinking, and share inspirational examples to amplify and enable creative contexts in your own settings.

Bristol & Bath ECHO members can book through Early Education before Friday 24th September to reserve online place/s. Booking is open to wider Early Education membership from Saturday 25th September 2021. Cost: £10 or £5 with discount for Early Education members.

Use the link and instructions overleaf to take you to Early Education’s website to book as a member and as a non-member.

Please see overleaf for more information about the speaker.

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About Debi Keyte-Hartland



Debi is an early childhood expert and TEDx speaker with over 25 years' experience working across the UK in schools, the PVI sector and with educational organisations. She has also worked internationally with schools in China, Singapore, Brazil, Switzerland, Canada, Norway, Senegal, and Sweden. Debi is passionate about young children's learning and the role of the teacher and the way in which the arts and creativity play a central role in developing understanding and knowledge, creativity and critical thinking and the expression and communication of children's thinking. She currently facilitates learning networks and coordinates educational research projects with children and educators acting as co-researchers, as well as offering training, consultancy and professional development in settings. Debi is an associate lecturer with CREC (Centre for Research for Early Childhood) and with Birmingham City University, co-writing and teaching the MA pathway on Creativity and the Arts in CREC's MA in Early Education (Early Years). She is also an Associate Consultant with Early Education where she supports early years educators with training, resources and professional networks and a Director of Sightlines Initiative, the UK member organisation of the Reggio Children International Network.

Book online for this CPD event through Early Education

Remember the early-bird option for regular attendees at Bristol/Bath ECHO events; book by Friday 24th September 2021. Places will be offered to wider Early Education membership from 25th September so availability may be more limited.

Use the link below, which takes you to Early Education's website. Hover over the Professional Development tab and then click on Branch Events from the drop-down box to find Debi's session. If you are an EE member log in first to get the discounted price for this session.

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There will be an opportunity at the end of the presentation for Debi to respond to questions. Please use the Chat function in Zoom during the event to type in your question and as far as time allows these will be put to Debi by the ECHO committee.