

Conference 2011

"Educating in Nature"

Inside, Outside and Beyond -
bush, beach, outback, creek!

Melbourne, Sydney
Brisbane, Perth
12, 14, 16, 19
November 2011



Keynote Speaker
Claire Warden
Scotland

Claire is an internationally known speaker, author and the founder of the world renowned Nature Kindergartens based in Scotland. She will share her approach behind Nature Education through an inspirational keynote and reflective discussions.

Who should attend:

Head of Departments, Team Leaders, Child Care Center Directors, Family Day Care Coordinators, Early Years Educators – working in the following fields: LDC, FDC, In-home Care, OSHC, Occasional and Mobile Services, Creche, Indigenous Services, Early Childhood Teachers – working in the following fields: K, PP, Y1, Y2, primary school teachers and all interested in Naturalistic and Outdoor learning.

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Keynote Speaker:



Claire Warden (B.ED Hons, Dip Drama, CEO Mindstretchers Ltd.) is an Educational Consultant who has developed her approach to experiential learning through a variety of experiences which have taken her on a pathway that includes working in a variety of types of centre, advisory work and ultimately to lecturing in further education at Strathclyde University. Claire is an author of many books and materials relating to early years methodology. She set up Whistlebrae and Auchlone Nature Kindergartens in Scotland where children from 2-6 yrs old as well as after school care and holiday care for children up to 12 years spend up to 90% time outside. Claire is one of a leadership group of consultants who make up the World Nature Collaborative to develop a cohesive network and approach to experiential learning in outdoor spaces in a variety of climates bringing together educators, landscape architects, environmentalists and health workers to support a multidisciplinary approach to outdoor educational provision.

Seminar Leader:



Niki Buchan is an Educational Consultant and trainer who has been working with young children in very consultative, naturalistic and sensorial environments both indoors and outdoors for 28 years in South Africa and Scotland. She now works for Awe and Wonder Education to promote Naturalistic Learning throughout Australia. Niki is licensed to deliver Mindstretchers training endorsed by Claire Warden. She worked for Mindstretchers in Scotland as a senior trainer and Head of the internationally recognised outdoor Nature Kindergartens based on Claire's philosophy which recently achieved the highest possible status from the Scottish Educational inspecting body as a Centre of Excellence. This is the first outdoor kindergarten and only the second kindergarten in Scotland to receive this accolade!

Program 9am—3pm

Keynote: Nature Education Globally

Claire will share her philosophy behind her Nature Kindergartens in Scotland as well as exploring how this is being transferred internationally.

Seminars: Looking at Risk!

What about the Curriculum?

These reflective discussions facilitated by Claire and Niki and will explore the place of risk, evidencing the curriculum and how this transfers to Australia. Delegates will have the opportunity to attend both seminars and share experiences.

Workshops: Let's Have a Go!!

Practical workshops outdoors with Claire and Niki exploring some of the motivational opportunities available in nature - bringing back childhood memories: fairies, cubbies, transient art, real tools, cooking on fire, lotions and potions, maths!!

Venues

Melbourne—12 November 2011

St Leonard's College
Cornish Campus at Patterson River,
65 Riverend Road, Bangholme, VIC 3175,

Sydney—14 November 2011

The Gardens on Forest
764 Forest Rd Peakhurst, NSW 2210

Brisbane/Gold Coast—16 November 2011

Cedar Creek Lodges, Thunderbird Park
Corner Cedar Creek Falls Road,
Tamborine Mountain, QLD 4272

Perth—19 November 2011

Swanleigh Conference Centre
58 Yule Avenue, Middle Swan, WA 6056



BOOK NOW! Price: \$275 per person (with special discount on Claire's books)

Delegate numbers will be limited to allow high quality experiences

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Book signing

Claire will be selling a selection of her books at a special conference price.

Please order in advance!

Nature Kindergartens
Nurture Through Nature
Talking and Thinking Floorbooks