

Colloque européen
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CERIA, Bruxelles



**Accueillir
la diversité
des familles ?**

(M')enfin !

Bilan, pratiques et perspectives

*pour un système d'éducation et d'accueil
des enfants de moins de 6 ans plus inclusif*



Ouverture
Opening

Dalvir Gill

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Diversity in Early Childhood Education and Training

RIEPP Conference
Brussels, 24.3.14

Respect for Diversity and Social Inclusion
Diversity in Early Childhood Education and Training

Foundations for Equal Opportunities for All in Early Childhood Care and Education

DECET (Diversity in Early Childhood Education and Training) brings together a network of European organisations and projects with common goals about valuing **diversity in early childhood education and training**.

The network aims at promoting and studying democratic child care, acknowledging the multiple (cultural and other) identities of children and families. We view early childhood provisions as meeting places where people can learn from each other across cultural and other borders and therefore as public provisions that can effectively address prejudices and discrimination. In this sense early childhood education makes a clear contribution to the construction of European citizenship.



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Mission Statement

All children and adults have the right to evolve and to develop in a context where there is equity and respect for diversity. Children, parents and educators have the right to good quality in early childhood education services, free from any form of - overt and covert, individual and structural - discrimination due to their race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.

(in reference to Article 2, UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child).



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Objectives

Therefore the DECET Network will promote knowledge, skills and attitudes which enables children and adults to construct together early childhood education services and communities where everyone:

- **feels that he/she belongs**
- **is empowered to develop the diverse aspects of his/her identity**
- **can learn from each other across cultural and other boundaries**
- **can participate as active citizens**
- **actively addresses bias through open communication**
- **displays a willingness to grow and to work together to challenge institutional forms of prejudice and discrimination**



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Goals

The European DECET Network promotes equity and celebrates diversity in early childhood education services and in training, in the spirit of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child by:

1. Facilitating exchange among trainers, practitioners, researchers and policy makers throughout Europe

2. Actively and critically promoting accessibility and quality in early childhood education services, which includes equity and respect for diversity

- For cooperation with **parents** this means to empower them to fully participate in early childhood services and in their community as active citizens
- For working with **educators** this means to address stereotypical thinking and institutional discrimination
- For working with **policy makers** and **managers** this means to work towards equal access for children, parents and staff and challenging discrimination and unequal power relation in early childhood education services



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Goals (2)

3. Developing new insights and knowledge in this field

4. Working in collaboration with other networks in and outside Europe

5. Devising and implementing strategies to impact mainstream childcare services and influence current childcare policies



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DECET partners



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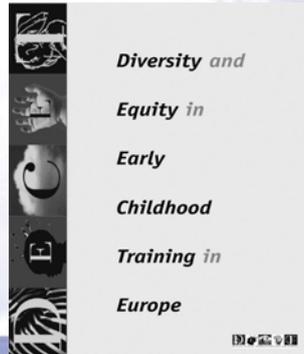


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Publications of DECET

Training manual

Diversity and Equity in Early Childhood Training in Europe
Examples of training practices in the DECET Network, 2004
download available at www.decet.org



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Publications of DECET (2)

DVD

Lullaby for Hamza

Childcare as a meeting place

Examples of four countries, 2004

available in English, French, German, Dutch and Spanish



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Publications of DECET (3)

Respect for Diversity, Equity and Social Inclusion

Working with Parents and Professionals in Early Childhood Education

Toowey Toowey

Playing, Drawing, Singing for Diversity

Toolkit 'Documentation of families'

Making Sense of Good Practice



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