



The State of Outdoor Play in Ireland

Symposium 25th May 2019

Call for Abstracts

Maynooth University Education Department in partnership with CEMEA France are pleased to invite submission of abstracts for oral presentations, poster presentations, and learning stories to be delivered at: The State of Outdoor Play Symposium on May 25th, 2019. Guest Speakers to include Dr. Thomas Walsh (Maynooth University Education department), D. Leah O'Toole (Maynooth University, Froebel Department), Carol Duffy (Early Childhood Ireland), Marie-Claire Chavaroché-Laurent (CEMEA), Dr. Jackie Bourke (University College Dublin) and Christina Duff (Dublin City University).

The symposium is the culmination of a week-long cross cultural exploration, dialogue, and knowledge exchange about outdoor play in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services in Ireland. It will reflect on the childhood of Ireland's youngest citizens in the 100 years since its declaration of Independence and move forward to offer a re-imagining of, and commitment to, what outdoor play and learning could look like in the next 100 years. It will focus on four main themes:

- The history of childhood and societal views of children in Ireland since 1919
- Children's rights in Ireland since 1919
- Play and early learning in the outdoors
- Spaces for play in the community

We encourage submissions from ECEC Professionals working in services in the sector.

Abstract Submission Process:

The deadline for submissions is **April 16th, 2019**.

Please include the following in your submission:

1. Names, affiliations, addresses, and e-mail addresses of all presenters
2. Presentation Title
3. Indicate whether your abstract is a paper, poster presentation, or learning story.
4. Abstract for inclusion in the symposium program (500-word maximum)

Please email submissions to: sinead.matson@mu.ie