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Professional Development Course For Pre-School Educators:

Learning Through Play



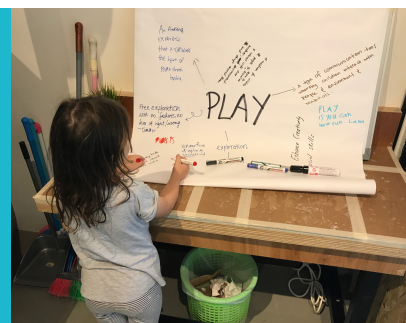
Playeum is an independent charity that champions children's voices and the development of 21st-century skills through play and the arts.

Playeum is dedicated towards social impact and works with all children, including children from marginalised backgrounds and children with special needs.

With experience in running Singapore's first dedicated creative space for children - the Children's Centre for Creativity, from 2015 to 2020, Playeum continues its impact work through direct intervention programmes, community outreach, training for adults, and online engagement. They work closely with community organisations, schools, and as well as social service organisations to engage adults and children in Singapore.



**In play, a child is always above his average age, above his daily behaviour; in play, it is as though he were a head taller than himself
(Lev Vygotsky, 1896-1934)**



Trainer

Learning Through Play

Dr Esther Joosa (PhD) is a well-known creative practitioner, training consultant and researcher. Within Playeum, she was the Creative Director of the fourth hands-on exhibition 'Making it Home' and is the Programme Consultant & Researcher in Practice for the Giving Tuesdays programme. It is conducted in her unique practice-centered style. She combines hands-on activities with dialogue about child development and observation, documentation and reflection.

To meet the growing interest of play in teaching and learning in early childhood, Playeum provides an exciting range of professional development workshops, as well as contextualised training programs for your organisation featuring the role of play in holistic child development. The content of the training is designed to meet the needs of educators, children and the community.

Tailored to the initiatives of ECDA, Playeum presents two levels of *Learning through Play* professional development workshops. The design and delivery of these training programs are conducted by Dr Esther Joosa.

The ECDA endorsed training allows early childhood educators to explore open-ended play, gain knowledge and skills to facilitate learning through play and to put into practice the role of documentation to evidence young children's learning. With expert guidance and facilitation through case studies and hands-on engagement, the training helps nurture ideas for the facilitation of play.

Course Title	<i>Learning Through Play: Building Competence and Skills of <u>New</u> Early Childhood Educators in Facilitating Play</i>	<i>Learning Through Play: Building Competence and Skills of <u>Experienced</u> Early Childhood Educators in Facilitating Play.</i>
Learning Outcomes	A beginning knowledge to understand the role of play in learning based on key concepts in historical developments and contemporary literature about the purpose of play in learning;	A good knowledge to understand the role of theory play in learning based on key concepts in historical developments and contemporary literature about the purpose of play in learning;
	Skills to facilitate children's play and use of play materials;	Able to display strategies and skills to document the learning processes and design learning environments that facilitate children's play;
	Gain a positive disposition to the role of play in learning	Able to show a strong disposition to advocate the role of play in learning
Duration	16 Hours	16 Hours
Dates	<p><u>1ST RUN</u> 14 June (9am - 5pm) 16 June (9am - 5pm) 5 July 2021 (9am -11am/11:30am -1:30pm) Registration closing date: 30 May 2021</p> <p><u>2ND RUN</u> 26 July (9am - 5pm) 28 July (9am - 5pm) 16 August (9am -11am/11:30am -1:30pm) Registration closing date: 11 July 2021</p> <p><u>3RD RUN</u> 4 October (9am - 5pm) 6 October (9am - 5pm) 25 October (9am -11am/11:30am -1:30pm) Registration closing date: 19 Sept 2021</p>	<p><u>1ST RUN</u> 19 April (9am - 5pm) 21 April (9am - 5pm) 10 May (9am -11am/11:30am -1:30pm) Registration closing date: 4 April 2021</p> <p><u>2ND RUN</u> 17 May (9am - 5pm) 19 May (9am - 5pm) 7 June (9am -11am/11:30am -1:30pm) Registration closing date: 2 May 2021</p> <p><u>3RD RUN</u> 23 August (9am - 5pm) 25 August (9am - 5pm) 13 Sept (9am -11am/11:30am -1:30pm) Registration closing date: 8 August 2021</p>
Location	ONLINE	
Fees before subsidies	\$400*	

* Funding for this course is available under the SkillsConnect System for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents (PRs). Please login to www.skillsconnect.gov.sg to apply for funding. Register for the training on one@ECDA portal with your own account at <https://one.ecda.gov.sg/sop/>! Important Notes: Enrolment is subject to availability and application will be processed through ECDA. All programmes are conducted in English and proficiency in the language is a requirement. A minimum attendance of 80% is required. Please contact share@playeum.com for more information on professional development that we provide for educators and community support staff.