

# Jo Fahey is coming to Perth in 2017

## Inspiration and guidance on offer!

**Dr Jo Fahey** 

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Jo Fahey resides and teaches in Adelaide and she has vast knowledge and experience as a national and international educator in the early years of education (children 3-8 years). Jo has taught in international schools in Germany and schools and kindergartens in Australia. She has given workshops in places including Japan, the Solomon Islands, Holland, Turkey, The Arab Emirates, Germany, England, Switzerland and Luxembourg.

Due to her passion for teaching and learning, Jo has always maintained a strong presence in classrooms. By returning to teaching at frequent intervals Jo understands the day-to-day joys and challenges that educators encounter. This current experience enables her to reach out to educators with very practical ideas and facilitate communities of practice, where educators share their knowledge and expertise.

### Jo offers a range of ways of working with educators and leaders:

**Workshops:** Twilight, half-day, full-day, 2 day — based on suggested workshops but customized for you, based on your needs/questions

Staff Meetings: Presenting and facilitating discussion

In-house consultancy: Working with teams, observing, teaching side-by-side

The workshops, staff meeting presentations and in-house consultancies that Jo offers are a culmination of her experience and research in early years settings which led to a PhD and the publication of a book in 2012 'Ways to Learn Through Inquiry: Guiding Children to Deeper Understanding'. The offerings are designed to enliven and reinvigorate your teaching and learning and the in-house consultancy can include, but is not limited to:

- planning integrated units of work (intentional/emergent)
- formulating and investigating action research questions
- analyzing documentation collected as part of ongoing educator-as-researcher projects
- delving into areas of interest in your setting

Available starting Monday May 15th, 2017 while in Perth

or July to October 2017 but you would need to fly me back to Perth!

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## Workshops – these can include but are not limited to:

- Play is the way: Socio-dramatic play (3-8 years)
- Play watching: Who are the Master Players? (3-8 years)
- Promoting literacy and numeracy through play (3-8 years)
- Documentation and play: How will we know what children are learning? (3-8 years)
- Story-telling and story-acting (3-5 year olds)
- Drama: A powerful learning medium for all ages (3-8 years)
- Children's drawing and painting: Graphic exploration that is playful (3-8 years)
- Tinkering as a way of inquiring: designed particularly with boys in mind! (3-8 years)
- Exploration of materials and ideas in science and mathematics (3-8 years)
- Browsing and viewing leading to reading and writing (3-8 years)

### Two day workshop

#### Ways to Learn Through Inquiry: Guiding Children to Deeper Understanding (3-8 years)

This workshop addresses the following questions:

- 1. What can inquiry-based learning look like with children aged 3 to 8 years?
- 2. How can the environment be structured so that children are empowered to learn independently?
- 3. How can a rich tapestry of guided inquiry and the children's spontaneous inquiry be woven together to provide opportunities for children to go deeper in their understanding?

Jo will take us through some of the ways that children inquire, including through:

- Socio-dramatic play
- Read-alouds and responses
- Browsing and viewing leading to reading and writing
- Tinkering
- Exploration of materials and ideas in science and mathematics

Video footage, photographs and other documentation will demonstrate multiple ways of inquiring.

Opportunities for participants to share their practice will be embedded in the workshop so please bring along examples.

#### Additionally in 2018

- Nature Pedagogy (3-6 year olds)
- Restorative Justice approaches (3-6 year olds)
- Book-making: children as authors, telling their stories through their drawings (3-6 year olds)

For more details about the content of the workshops or any queries please contact Jo Fahey in Adelaide

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