

DIRECTOR OF ELC - CORNISH COLLEGE, VIC



Kirsty Liljegren has established a strong reputation for excellence as Teaching Director of Cornish College Early Learning Centre, Victoria. The ELC has a strong emphasis on inquiry based learning alongside a commitment to sustainable education. The centre is internationally renowned as a place of provocation, innovation and inspiring practice. Kirsty consults and lectures in a variety of contexts, with professional learning that comes from both practitioner and leadership perspectives. Kirsty is a committee member of the Reggio Emilia Australia Information Exchange (REAIE) and has undertaken two study tours to Reggio Emilia, together with visits to the Forest Schools in Denmark and the Nature Kindergartens in Scotland. In 2001, Kirsty was the recipient of a national excellence in teaching award for innovative practice. In 2012 she was presented with a State and Territory award for contributions to the early childhood sector, in which she was recognised as 'one of Australia's leading early childhood educators'.

This session is specifically targeted at early childhood leaders and will support reflective practice for continuous improvement in their own settings. Research recognises that effective leadership is vital to the quality of early childhood settings. In this workshop, Kirsty Liljegren will share her own journey as an early childhood leader at Cornish College. This presentation will illustrate a positive, empowering ELC culture that values openness and trust, encourages professional debate and dialogue, and contributes to educators' ongoing learning and inquiry. Kirsty will provide an insight into what has worked in her own setting to support the development of a collective vision and pedagogical transformation. Projects will be shared including examples that forged genuine partnerships with the school community. Opportunities for reflective practice and discussion will be a feature of this workshop, which will support early childhood leaders with several elements within the National Quality Standard, particularly in Quality Areas 6 and 7.

WHEN: Wed 16 March 2016 8:30am - 3:30pm (registration from 8:15am)

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. **WHERE**: Moerlina School, Mt Claremont

COST: \$120 Members, \$160 Catholic Members, \$200 non-members

REGISTRATION: Via the AISWA website <u>www.ais.wa.edu.au</u> before 9/3/16

FURTHER QUESTIONS: Rebecca Duncan (AISWA Early Childhood Consultant)

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PLEASE NOTE: PL hours for those who attend this course without having registered will not be recorded.