

To: EECERA Board of Trustees

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Re: Special Interest Group Working with Parents and Families

Report on activities undertaken and planned 2014/15

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Activity 2013/14

The SIG group met at the EECERA conference in 2014 in Crete where we had a lively debate about research with families and how to support early years practitioners to engage with and work in partnership with parents and families.

The following ideas were discussed:

- setting up a Facebook page - Joanne to co ordinate
- circulate presentations and papers from EECERA and other work that you would like to share on the Facebook page
- circulate notifications of any conferences/events that might be interesting to the group
- putting ideas together for joint publication in an EECERA monograph series - Ute to co ordinate
- putting ideas together for a paper on the ethical considerations of engaging in research with and alongside parents and families - Bob to circulate reference for book by EECERA SIG members on the ethical considerations of engaging in research with children

We talked about setting up a network to share documents and information about research events and conferences during 2014/15 and the possibility of a joint publication.

Following the meeting, Jute contacted Julia Formosinho in October 2014 and was informed that the special issues for 2015, 2016 and 2017 are already in the planning and our topic on working with families would need to wait until 2018. Several group members discussed the possibility of publishing a book but after consideration decided they would rather concentrate on publishing in a journal. This will be the focus of the next meeting in Barcelona time and place tbc.