

Names and Emails of convenors and current members of the SIG:

SIG Convenors:

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Current SIG members:

We do not have an up to date list of SIG members who are EECERA members. We have found it increasingly difficult to establish who is a regular member and who joins for the conference. We would like to encourage EECERA to facilitate this procedure as discussed in the 2016 SIG meeting and by email with EECERA.

A simple button for members to indicate which SIG they would like to affiliate themselves to when joining online / registering for the conference would be extremely useful.

Activities undertaken by the SIG (2015-2016)

- Established a Multilingual Childhoods SIG website:
<https://multilingualchildhoods.wordpress.com/>
- Conferences:
 - o Child Foreign Language Learning (CFLL): Between theory and practice', Krakow, Poland (28-30 April, 2016)
 - o 'The Young Language Learners (YLL) Symposium', Oxford University in July 2016. <http://www.education.ox.ac.uk/research/applied-linguistics/the-young-languagelearners-yll-symposium-2016/>
- Collated a list of contact addresses to enable participants to pursue points of discussion raised at the first SIG meeting in EECERA 2015
- Organized and held an afternoon event in Dublin 2016: Second language learning research in the Early Years: Ethical considerations (15 participants):
<https://multilingualchildhoods.wordpress.com/2016/05/10/eecera-pre-conference-meeting-31-august-2016-dublin-city-university/>
- Hosted four self-organized Symposia within main conference in EECERA Dublin 2016

Planned SIG activity for the coming year 2016-2017

- Continued use of JISCMail discussion list to keep members informed:
<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=EARLY-YEARS-LANGUAGE-LEARNING>
- Conference: 'Contexts for Multilingual Childhoods', Dublin Institute of Technology, May 18th and 19th 2017 <http://dit.ie/reyll/>
- Pre-conference in Bologna, August 31st 2017: Childhood multilingualism and second language learning: Theoretical issues (afternoon meeting)
- Prepared four thematic symposia for the 2017 annual conference

How SIG's activities fit with aims and ethos of EECERA

We continue:

- To bridge the areas of multilingualism and early years education;
- To promote and disseminate research in early years multilingualism and its implementation in policy and practice;
- To create opportunities for informed and constructive discussion and debate;
- To foster possibilities for cross-national collaboration and interaction.