

Special Interest Group: Working with Parents and Families

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Aim of the SIG: We aim to enhance and support the interactions between practitioners and children's families and to extend knowledge and understanding in this area through academic research.

At the conference in Bologna the SIG held one formal meeting at which some new members were welcomed. In addition there were two informal lunch meetings to progress publication plans. The additional meetings also allowed all interested colleagues to make contact with the SIG and contribute to discussions.

Leading up to the Bologna conference a subgroup worked on the mission statement for the SIG. This work is continuing and will be progressed at the conference in Budapest in 2018.

In Spring 2018 the SIG published a special issue of the EECER Journal focusing on the working with parents and families.

The work on the SIG book publication is continuing. At the conference in Bologna the following working title was agreed:

‘Families and Early Childhood Education and Care: Beyond Instrumentalization in International Contexts of Diversity and Social Inequality’

The sub-group leading on this project has been collecting initial shows of interest from SIG members and have been making initial contact with a publisher. There will be an update at the Budapest conference.