

SIG Report

Special Interest Group

Working With Parents and Families

SIG Convenors

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Number of SIG members

35

Activities undertaken by the SIG since establishment

In recent years the SIG has been more focused on publishing together leading to the developments mentioned below.

Report on SIG Activities this past year

Following on from our discussions at earlier SIG meetings we arranged an extended meeting at the Conference in Thessaloniki. We used the additional time to finalise a statement of values for our work and research with parents and families.

The SIG published a special issue of the EECER Journal in 2018. Since then a small working group has been organising the publication of a shared book which is specifically aimed at professionals and practitioners working with parents and families. Several SIG members will be publishing their work in the book which is expected to be published in 2020.

The conference in Thessaloniki also saw the first self-organised symposium for our SIG. This was well-received both by the presenters and the audience, and we are aiming to organise further self-organised symposia at following conferences.

How SIG activities fit with aims and ethos of EECERA

We are a group of international researchers, academics and practitioners who want to promote close and effective relationships between practitioners, children and their families. In accordance with EECERA aims and guidelines we emphasise collaboration and justice for all and try to live this in our meetings and joint projects.

Networking, future plans and links to other institutions

For the conference in Zagreb we are planning some self-organised symposia. During the conference itself we want to focus on networking amongst researchers with the aim to establish some collaborative, cross-cultural research.

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