



## EECERA ANNUAL PRACTITIONER RESEARCH AWARD 2017

EECERA is pleased to announce that applications for the 2017 EECERA Practitioner Research Award are now being accepted.

### **Aims:**

The aims of the award are to:

- Encourage excellence and high standards of scholarship in practitioner research
- Give status to the contribution of practitioner researchers
- Give visibility to the integration of research in practice
- Disseminate the results of practitioner research and practice
- Help practitioners to improve the quality of their research work by example

### **Eligibility:**

The Practitioner Research Award is open to anyone working in an early years setting or other organisation working with young children. The research is not restricted to any particular methodology and entries can be submitted by an individual or a group. The practitioner's research project should be nearing completion or have been written up within the past three years. The research must be presented at the conference and the awards are presented at the closing ceremony of the conference.

### **Entry Requirements:**

Entries must consist of a 250 word abstract (submitted and accepted through the conference paper submission system) and a 3000 word account of the research project and supporting statements from two referees which confirm the action reported in the account.

The submission can be in a variety of forms but there should be a clear link between research and practice within the report. The account should include:

1. The focus of the research
2. The purpose and aims of the research
3. The reason for the choice of methodology
4. How ethical issues are addressed
5. The process of the research and how it impacted on practice
6. A reflection on its contribution to practice
7. Any further plans for development

The deadline for submission of the full paper, which needs to be e-mailed to [enquiries@eecera2017.org](mailto:enquiries@eecera2017.org), is 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and all entries will be scrutinised by the EECERA Awards Committee against a set of

academic and scholarly criteria. The entry exhibiting the highest standards of scholarship and practitioner research originality will be awarded:

- a certificate
- free EECERA membership for one year
- a subscription to two Taylor and Francis journals of their choice for one year.

**Criteria for Judging Award:**

In the submission the EECERA Annual Awards Committee will look for evidence of:

- the academic strength of the work and its level of scholarship
- the potential impact of the research on policy or practice
- the original and innovatory nature of the research and its applications
- its potential contribution to the field.