

SIG Report 2022

Special Interest Group

Working With Parents and Families

Number of SIG members

35 (to be updated in October 2022 after Glasgow conference)

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

A small group of researchers from the SIG have been working on a joint publication. The resulting book should be published in the summer of 2022.

For some years the SIG has been trying to facilitate research amongst its members, and there is now a small project involving researchers from Croatia, England, Israel and Spain. This research is aiming to explore how the educator-parent relationship changed during lockdowns and which new interaction or communication strategies should be carried forward into general practice. Results should be available for the conference in 2023.

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 2022 we are planning to reconnect with each other in person during the conference. This meeting will be followed up with an online meeting in October 2022 so that a wider group of interested colleagues can join in. The focus for both meetings will be further collaborations and joint projects (research and writing).