



# OMEP UK Newsletter

## August 2022

### WELCOME

Hello everyone! Welcome to this special extra edition of our OMEP UK Newsletter. We trust you are all well and keeping safe.

Following the OMEP World Congress and Conference last month, we thought we would share some reflections from the event with those of you who couldn't join us, and take the opportunity to share with you some upcoming events which may be of interest!

We hope you enjoyed the

reflections offered by Jessica in last months newsletter in anticipation of the conference. In this special edition we will share post conference reflections with you, as well as details of an event next month where you can hear more about developments from the conference.

On behalf of the OMEP UK executive committee,  
Kerry

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- Annual seminar and AGM
- OMEP UK webinars being held in September

Contact us

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Facebook – OMEP (UK) World Organisation for Early Childhood  
Twitter - @OMEP\_UK  
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### OMEP UK NEWSLETTER: A CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

We love to hear what members are up to – be it in practice, academia or elsewhere! Please do feel free to share your news and photos with our members in our next newsletter. If you'd like to contribute, please send any words and images (there is no limit on word counts!) via email to us [ukomep@gmail.com](mailto:ukomep@gmail.com) before 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO LIZ!

We are very proud to announce that at the recent OMEP World Assembly in Athens, Liz Hryniewicz was awarded Honorary Membership, in a unanimous vote by delegates. Thank you to all members of OMEP UK who contributed to the nomination for Liz. Honorary Membership is a status given to leading members of OMEP in recognition of their work to promote the rights of young children and their support for the development of high quality early childhood education and care. Liz now joins a group of OMEP Honorary members from around the world, which includes OMEP UK members Audrey Curtis and Dorothy Selleck, who were awarded Honorary Membership in 2005 and 2010 respectively. Some members may also remember Margaret Roberts, who was made an honorary member in 1989. Congratulations Liz, from your friends in OMEP UK!

## FREE WEBINAR – MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022, AT 7PM.

You are warmly invited to join us for a free webinar on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, at 7pm. The theme of the webinar will focus on News and initiatives from the OMEP World Congress and Conference which was held in Athens, Greece, last month.

Did you know that OMEP is active in over 70 countries worldwide?

Book now for this free event [here](#) to:

- Hear about the latest initiatives to promote children's rights, including the 'Colour your rights' initiative which will be showcased at the European Conference in Cyprus in 2023.
- Political advocacy is a major part of the role of OMEP. Hear more about how individual countries are engaging with governments to influence and change curriculum content and delivery.
- Hear about how the Covid pandemic has had a major impact across the world. Hear more about how this has impacted on both children and early years staff in other countries and how some countries are trying to address some of the issues through practice and research.
- Consider the invasion of Ukraine, political instability in several countries and extreme weather through climate change is continuing to have an impact on the lives on young children and families. How can a focus on sustainable development, advocacy and lobbying help in these situations?

Reflections from the conference will be shared in order to stimulate a lively and relevant discussion about these points. We'd love for you to join us!



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## Quality and Sustainable Citizenship in Early Childhood Education

**Keynote Speaker** (11 am)

**“What do we know about quality in early childhood education and about how it may be achieved”**

**Professor Christine Pascal (OBE)**



As a founding member of the *European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA)*, director of the *Centre for Research in Early Childhood (CREC)*, and editor of the *European Early Childhood Education Research Association Journal*, Christine is uniquely placed to provide a review of what it is that we know about what works in early childhood education and how it is that we can make it happen. Christine was awarded the *Nursery World Lifetime Achievement Award* in 2012 and we are extremely honoured to have her come to speak to us here at our Annual Conference a whole decade later.

**Expert Panel** (12 am) **“Visions of Sustainable Early Years Education”**



**Cheryl Hadland MD**  
Tops Day Nurseries  
and GECCO



**Dr Diane Boyd**  
Liverpool John Moores  
University



**Dr John Siraj-Blatchford**  
OMEP UK  
University of Plymouth

**Group Discussions and questions from the Floor** (12.30 pm)

**Lunch** (1 pm – 2 pm)

**Dr Paulette Luff** (2 pm)  
OMEP UK President's Report and AGM



**TICKETS: FREE FOR OMEP UK MEMBERS (£5.00 towards refreshments)**

**NON-MEMBERS:**  
**£35.00 full price or £20.00 for students and retired (includes one year membership benefits)**

**All Tickets available from:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/omep-uk-annual-conference-and-agm-tickets-354514330907>

[You can book your space here!](#)

Please do also share with your networks – we'd love to see you there.



## PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE WORLD CONGRESS AND CONFERENCE, FROM ELENI

Eleni has kindly shared some images from the World Congress and Conference, held in Athens last month.



Images from the Congress



## OMEP RESEARCH UPDATES: A CALL FOR PROPOSALS

OMEP UK has a long history of providing highly regarded and valuable peer reviewed research updates. We accept proposals, or the submission of completed papers from any member of the early childhood education and care community, and from authors at any stage of their career. On submission the work will be anonymously peer reviewed by two members of the OMEP UK executive board who act as the editorial committee.

OMEP Research Updates:

<http://www.omep.org.uk/resources/omep-updates/>

## FREE SEMINAR – 28 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 6PM

*The pedagogical potential of risk taking in the outdoors: a cross national debate through the lenses of Turkey, Italy and the UK*

The importance of being outdoors for children's learning, development and well being, and risk taking in the outdoors are key but also controversial issues, underpinned by socio-cultural and geographical factors. The notion of outdoor play and risk taking will be discussed through a cross national dialogue involving experiences in three countries.

Join us on Zoom for this free event! You can book via Eventbrite. Just search for OMEP UK events.

## The International Journal for Early Childhood (IJEC)

All active OMEP members have free online access to **all the issues** of the **OMEP Journal: International Journal for Early Childhood (IJEC)**. You can register below and then access it through the new *World OMEP* website: <http://www.omepworld.org/>

IJEC is an influential OMEP publication edited by Springer. It provides an important international voice for research on early childhood care and education (ECCE) in various social and cultural contexts.

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2. Your **OMEP ACCESS CODE** is **25287593853**. (Note: the full stop matters!) After you register you will receive this login link:

### Successful confirmation!

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