



*OMEP Ireland proudly presents this year's  
annual conference:*

**Play, Grow, Sustain: Integrating the Four Pillars  
of Sustainability in Early Childhood**



**When?** Saturday 11th November 2023

**What time?** 9:30-3:30

**Where?** South Court Hotel, Limerick

**Who should attend?** Early childhood educators, students, lecturers, researchers, policy-makers, and anyone interested in early childhood education and care for ESD promotion.

Details of the day	
<b>Key notes</b>	<p><b>Professor Francis Douglas</b>, Founder of the first early childhood degree in Ireland, Patron and founding member of OMEP Ireland – <b>Celebrating OMEP in Ireland: A brief historical overview</b></p> <p><b>Dr Sharon Skehill</b> <b>Dr Mary Daly</b>, NCCA - <b>Embedding sustainability in an updated <i>Aistear</i></b></p> <p><b>Valerie Gaynor</b>, Creative Kids, Dublin - <b>Facilitating Child Participation in developing the First 5 Garden of Wonder and Discovery</b></p>
<b>Workshops</b>	<p><b>The Sky is the Roof</b> – Tusla’s updated guidance on outdoor play (Marie Gibbons, TUSLA)</p> <p><b>The Beginnings of Belonging: Supporting children’s transitions through the SDGs in the emergent curriculum</b> Dr Sharon Skehill and Anne Price, The Willows, Galway.</p> <p><b>Mindfulness for Educators:</b> Leesa Flanagan</p>
<b>Research Papers</b>	<p>Research papers from Ireland and abroad focusing on a range of topics related to the role of early childhood in promoting education for sustainability (UNCRC, 1989;2023, UN, 2015).</p>

**How much does it cost\*?**

- Student €30
- OMEP Member €40
- General attendance (non OMEP members) €50
- Attendance and new OMEP membership €70

\*The cost includes a certificate of attendance, tea/coffee and pastries on arrival, a two-course lunch (main course, dessert, tea/coffee), free parking, the chance to hear some fantastic presentations accompanied with networking opportunities through meeting up with old friends and making new ones!

We hope to see you there!

