



SIG Gender Balance
EECERA Special Interest Group

Gender Balance in ECEC Special Interest Group Newsletter

Dear colleagues interested in gender and diversity in the ECEC workforce,

This newsletter is to inform you about our activities in the EECERA Special Interest Group "Gender Balance", and about new projects and accomplishments from our SIG cohort. Thank you for being part of this highly enthusiastic and supportive network of researchers.

EECERA Online Festival Event September 2021

Due to the global pandemic the EECERA conference is online this year. Although we miss meeting in person face to face, we are looking forward to this event. We hope you will join us for what we are expecting will be an exciting program of work.

The SIG will present two self-organized symposia and a poster on the EECERA online event in September. We have recorded two symposia, each with three presentations:

Men's Career Trajectories in ECEC (Chair: David Brody)

Gender in ECEC: Pathways to a gender-reflexive workforce (Chair: Tim Rohrmann)

To watch these symposiums go to
<https://eecera-online-festival-2021.heysummit.com/>



The SIG focuses on the links of research, practice and policy, intends to provide an academic forum for the promotion, development and dissemination of research, and facilitates cooperation and collaboration between researchers in the field.



Book launch: Exploring Career Trajectories of Men in the Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce

We are pleased to announce the official launch of our book on Men's Career Trajectories on Thursday, September 9, 13:00 UTC/BST/GMT. This event celebrates the collaborative efforts of 17 researchers around the world who investigated why men leave and remain in their ECEC careers. Three years of intensive work involved data collection, analysis, and writing to produce this groundbreaking book which illuminates the issues influencing men's career decisions in a female dominated field. You are invited to meet our entire group of researchers as they share their insights about this unique collaborative work. The book launch is part of the EECERA Online Festival program <https://eecera-online-festival-2021.heysummit.com/>
Or send an email to info@siggender.eu to get access to the virtual meeting.

SIG Gender Balance Informal Meeting

We would also like to invite you to a less formal meeting of the SIG group, for all interested colleagues. The 9th SIG gender balance research meeting will be held online on Friday, 3rd September 2021, 12.00-14.00 UTC/BST/GMT. Everybody is welcome.

Please find out more here: <https://www.eecera.org/sigs/gender-balance/#activities> or register via info@siggender.eu

Current project: Children's Perspectives on their Male and Female Teachers in ECEC

This study is a development of cooperation from the Men's Career Trajectories book. It involves a collaboration of 22 researchers across 9 countries. This study looks closely at children's perspectives on their caregivers who identify as men and women within the particular social and cultural contexts that surround, nurture, and support these perspectives. If you would like further information please contact the project lead, David Brody at davidb55@gmail.com

World Forum Webinar on Men in Early Childhood Education

The World Forum Working Group on Men in ECEC held a webinar in "Bonnie's Global Café" in May 2021. The webinar titled: "Let's Talk! Recruiting, Supporting and Retaining Men in the Early Childhood Sector" was a follow-up conversation from the discussions started at the 2021 World Tour. Remarkable is the strong African voice in the group. <https://worldforumfoundation.org/workinggroups/men-in-ece/>

More information about the SIG, presentations, publications, and projects can be found at <https://www.eecera.org/sigs/gender-balance/#activities> & <http://www.siggender.eu>

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