

Professional Learning Resource

Podcast: #104 Engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives



THE EARLY EDUCATION SHOW

(with Jessica Staines)

<https://www.earlyeducationshow.com/episodes/episode104>

“The Early Education Show”

with early childhood professionals and advocates Lisa Bryant, Leanne Gibbs and Liam McNicholas

“Educators have a huge fear of the three words- stereotypical, offensive and tokenistic. They are really scared of doing the wrong thing and offending someone” (Staines, 2019).

The hosts of this podcast engage in an important discussion with Jessica Staines, a Wiradjuri woman, Early Childhood Teacher and creator of the Aboriginal early childhood consultancy group, Koori Curriculum. They delve into discussions about the importance of educators engaging with, and the barriers educators feel when establishing Indigenous perspectives within their services. Jessica presents valuable ways educators can start to implement cultures and histories, providing a variety of resources and programs to assist educators.

Further Links mentioned in the podcast:

Koori Curriculum: <https://kooricurriculum.com/>. Offers professional development workshops

Koori Curriculum Educator Community: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1556220701054644/>. Offers an online community where educators can ask questions and share ideas of the Aboriginal culture.

Reconciliation Australia: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/> Provide steps early educators need to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), see strengths and identify where they need to start

Narragunnawali: <https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/> Provides an online platform for professional learning and curriculum documents to assist educators to develop environments to provide higher levels of knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

Aboriginal Early Childhood Collective: <https://aboriginalecc.com/> Provides professional development training and resources for embedded Aboriginal culture in early childhood education

NAIDOC: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/> Resource for educators to source events happening in the local community, and to begin to connect with local Aboriginal community.