

AAEE Biennial Conference 2023

Listen, Learn, Transform

25-28 September 2023, University of Wollongong



Abstract Submission Form and Speaker Profile

Complete your details by typing in the **green** sections of the digital form below. If there are multiple presenters, please include their details where applicable (name, organisation, personal bio)

Save your completed form in PDF format and submit via the [submission form on the website](#).

Title	Dr	First Name	Jennifer	Family Name	Pearson
Position/Role	AAEE WA Chapter Convenor, Chair AuSSA, Chair Little Green Steps WA				
Organisation you will represent	Little Green Steps WA				
Personal Bio Max. 100 words	Jennifer Pearson has an extensive career in teaching from Pre-primary to University pre-service primary and early childhood education has enabled me to advocate for education for sustainability. Project officer for a local Landcare group for local schools for river restoration, growing and planting trees in rural settings. Immediate past president of AAEE (2010 – 2014 & 2018 – 2022), Convenor of AAEE WA Chapter (2002 – 2023), Chair of the Little Green Steps WA (2009 – 2023) and co-developing EfS for early years educators. Coordinate the Biological Earth Environmental Science Day, career day for years 9 – 11 students (2004 – 2022). Developed and delivering Earth Day Expo (2003 – 2023) event for primary schools to provide hands on experiences with a range of EfS programs				
Title of Presentation	Little Green Steps WA - Sustainability in Early Years				
Format of Presentation (please select)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral Presentation (20 minutes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workshop - 60 minutes (eg interactive indoor session) <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop - 120 minutes (eg outdoor activity) Indicate your preferred presentation types (you may select more than one) NB: We may not be able to offer your preferred option				
Which theme would you prefer to present under? (please select)	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme 1: Listen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theme 2: Learn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theme 3: Transform				
Introduction	This presentation engages delegates about the concepts and practical application of sustainability transforming early years settings in WA.				
Presentation Abstract: max. 300 words	Little Green Steps WA (LGS WA) is a unique and innovative program that partners with early childhood education providers to connect them with our hub of practical resources to achieve a lifetime of sustainable living. This involves engagement on an individual and group basis in training and support measures, together with leading edge research, to				

	embed 'reaching out and treading lightly' through the concepts of the "Social Handprint and Ecological Footprint". By linking to the National Quality Standard (NQS), Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and Australian Curriculum (AC) sustainable practices aren't about adding more to your busy schedule. It can be as simple as changing how you do things in your daily activity. Frameworks and examples will be explored.
Key Message: A short summary of presentation	Learn how to achieve sustainability in early years settings through the "Social Handprint and Ecological Footprint" framework. Review resources that support change to practices in practical ways.

All abstracts must be received by 5pm **Friday 28 April 2023 (AEST)**.

We expect to notify speakers by mid June

Note: confirmed presenters will be required to register for the conference and pay the relevant registration fees.