Submission of Abstract for ACLE Conference

This submission is for a workshop to be conducted at ACLE in October 2013.

The Title of the workshop is *Stencils – do they have value in an Early Childhood Setting.*

This is to be presented by Christine Hartung and Mary-Anne Rowett

This workshop will have an open discussion component along with providing delegates with some hands-on practical approaches to the topic. This workshop will delve into the issue of stencil usage in early childhood settings and broach the idea of do they or do they not have value for our children’s learning. Stencils are still seen commonly in the early childhood settings, are they necessarily an appropriate way to “teach” children, can we challenge ourselves to consider product vs process. We aim for delegates to take away some new thoughts and ideas regarding this topic and to challenge some current practices in the early childhood field.

With the theme of Wise Up – Transform Mindy, Body and Heart, this workshop will ask the delegates to transform their passion in the early childhood field into a practical approach to children’s learning and expand their mind with new thoughts. We hope that delegates will "Wise Up" their early childhood philosophy.

Bio of Presenters:

Christine and Mary-Anne are both current Children’s Services Managers for QLECS. Between them they have 40 years experience in the Early Childhood Industry. Christine holds a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. She has worked in various positions within the early childhood sector including the delivery of early childhood qualifications. Mary-Anne holds an Advanced Diploma in Children’s Services and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. She has over 12 years experience within the Lutheran Early Childhood Sector holding various positions including the delivery of early childhood qualifications. They both hold a strong passion for the learning opportunities and environments provided for children in early childhood settings.
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With the theme of Wise Up – Transform Mindy, Body and Heart, this workshop will ask the delegates to challenge their mind with new thoughts and ideas regarding these long standing resources. They will “Wise Up” on their knowledge of this early childhood idea.

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