

8 Weeks of Conference

for professionals who think about play and playwork

The Evening Sessions

It's not a webinar
It's not a series of keynotes

It is informative
It is a conversation
It is dialogue

Wednesday 2 September - Wednesday 21 October 2020

18:30 - 21:30 BST

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Meynell Games are delivering their second **Virtual Conference** during September and October 2020. What we are offering is not yet another 'keynote' or 'webinar', we are offering opportunities to engage with some of the world's leading **thinkers** and **practitioners** and you, the participants, have the time and space to 'get up close and personal' with them.

See our **cast list** of **fabulous presenters** each of whom will give a 15 'first piece' [three per week] followed by a 40 minute interactive workshop. You can come early and network and stay late at the 'after party'

Week	Date	Topic	Presenter 1	Presenter 2	Presenter 3
Week 1	Wednesday 02 Sep 2020	Play: The more we remind ourselves of the true nature of play the more equipped we become in ensuring that our settings are less about learning, activities and outcomes and more about the most important facet of childhood - play.	Teacher Tom	Marc Armitage	Vicky Edwards
Week 2	Wednesday 09 Sep 2020	Play and the outdoors Whilst children will play anywhere it is commonly accepted that playing outdoors unlocks opportunities for play that would not occur inside. Being outside and amongst nature is a vital part of contributing to a child's rich play diet. Engaging with thinking about the environment and what the future will bring can only be enhanced if we actually go outside more!	Sara Knight	Celia Hogan	Ali Wood
Week 3	Wednesday 16 Sep 2020	Playwork Described as the profession that exists to support the child's needs and rights to play, the Playwork approach takes a specific way of working that views the child with respect and incorporates that with an understanding that the playworker is there in service of the child and their play	Bob Hughes	Michelle Peters	Kate Smith
Week 4	Wednesday 23 Sep 2020	Anti-discriminatory / equality practice in Play If the equality practice in our setting is poor or lacklustre then perhaps we should not actually be working with children? Anti discriminatory practice is about understanding equality and the barriers that are faced but also about thinking, consistently, of how and what we can do, practically, to address it in our settings	Meynell	Sefena George & Naveen Thomas	
Week 5	Wednesday 30 Sep 2020	Philosophy and play When working within the context of children and their play we should not be scared of a bit of deep thinking about the subject as delving deeper opens channels of thinking that will lead to improved practice	Wendy Russell, Mecke Nagel & Tony Gaskew		Angus Gorrie
Week 6	Wednesday 07 Oct 2020	Holding the child in respect When we think about each child, who they are and how they react to the stimulus around them, and if we continue to hold them in positive regard, then we will no longer talk about behaviour but will now talk more about each child's experiences and how life is lived	Suzanne Axelsson	Niki Buchan	Kisha Reid
Week 7	Wednesday 14 Oct 2020	Play and the older child Most often when we talk about play our minds and approaches are drawn, almost automatically, to the small children. However, it is important to remember that the UNCRC tells us that children are children all the way to their 18th birthday and so our work in play has to support the older child too.	Abimbola Nwozuru	David Bainbridge	Fey Cole
Week 8	Wednesday 21 Oct 2020	Stretching the boundaries The skills of Playwork are being used in many places in addition to the traditional adventure playgrounds, after school clubs and holiday play schemes. An awareness and sharing of various contexts will support the process of creating a global Playwork community	T'challa Marshall	Michael Follet	Jill Wood & Wes Hamner

Our **website** is chock full of videos explaining about the **conference** and giving details about each week's **content**. <https://meynellgames20.wixsite.com/8weeksevening>

The **Conference** costs £30 per week or £200 for all eight weeks. There are discounts available for groups [multi-tickets] or gathered around one device. We are also committed to helping those who want to attend but can't afford it. [Just email Meynell@meynellgames.org.uk to discuss discounts!]

I hope to meet you / see you soon in our virtual world

Thanks

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