

Call for abstracts - Welcome to an OMEP World Congress!



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**children** citizens in a  
challenged world

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### **Important dates:**

**January 15, 2010 Registration opens**

**March 3, 2010 Call for abstracts closes**

### **Themes and strands:**

#### **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**

How do we build purposeful and professional learning structures that incorporate the social, economic, and ecological aspects of education for sustainable development? How can organisations that work with children affect behaviour patterns that contribute to sustainable societies?

- Policy and Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) local, national, international
- ESD in preschool/school practice
- Life-style, related to nature, economy, cultural and social life
- Ecology and ECEC
- Citizenship
- Diversity
- ESD research in ECEC

#### **Gender equity and equal rights**

As boys and girls grow up they are greatly affected by social and cultural conventions that are steered by traditional gender roles and gender patterns. How can we consciously practise gender education and give boys and girls equal opportunities to develop and test different identities?

- Boys' and girls' play environments, indoors and outdoors
- Children's rights and perspectives of children
- Evaluation and assessment
- Consumption and marketing
- Media
- The teaching profession, female and male teachers

#### **Different childhoods**

Childhood conditions vary greatly within and between the nations of the world. And, childhood is shaped within cultural and social traditions. How can we improve the conditions and thereby contribute to the realisation of the UN Millennium Development Goals by 2015?

- Children and their environments (living conditions, family, migration, transnationality)
- Health and well-being
- Children's virtual worlds
- Everyday lives and leisure time
- Differences in parenthood and families
- Early Childhood Education and Care (organisation and pedagogical)

#### **The Congress Poster**

There is a poster attached to this invitation, to hand on to your friends and colleagues.