

Special Issue

Evidence-Based Policy Is Everybody's Business: Supporting Effective Policy Decision-Making in Early Childhood Education and Care

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The aim of this special edition is to investigate and reflect on collaborative approaches that draw together policy, research and practice wisdom. The research interest is public policy, spanning policy development, enactment, review and evaluation. We invite research articles that reflect on policy projects, address a range of contemporary ECEC policy topics and issues, and cover diverse ECEC settings, including centre-based, home-based and school-age education and care and the early years of school. Underpinned by the conviction that evidence-informed ECEC policy is everybody's business, the overarching intent of this Special Issue is to offer new and practical insights to support and strengthen evidence-informed policy and practice. To achieve this goal, areas of interest could include government and sector roles and responsibilities; opportunities and challenges; approaches, strategies, and conditions that facilitate meaningful collaboration and evidence-informed policy and practice.

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