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It is with great pleasure that we are sending out our very first **NECDA Monthly** as a means by which to keep you more regularly up to date on NECDA activities.

I would like to acknowledge the NECDA Board for their collective efforts over the past few months during which period significant progress has been made. We have managed to raise the funds for our operational costs, to secure a grant from the Jim Joel Fund for the realignment of the NECDA Level 4 Materials and have recently signed a contract with UNICEF for the development of Teaching and Learner Support materials for the NCF. Project Teams have been set up and work is well on the way. We are already in the planning phase for our AGM in June and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Best wishes

Rene
(Chairperson)

 **ECDlibrary**

Needing storybooks that you can freely read, download, translate, print and distribute? Visit **Book Dash** to find free, downloadable African storybooks [here](#).

The *Early Childhood Care and Education training landscape is changing. The "Minimum Requirements for Programmes Leading to Qualifications in Higher Education for Early Childhood Development Educators* policy is available [here](#).

Visit NECDA's website for more resources

 **NECDA diary**

9 & 10 April: NCF Hackathon at ELRU in Cape Town

28 May: World Play Day 2019: Theme: The Right To Play

6 & 7 June: NECDA AGM at Mannah Guesthouse

9 to 13 July: 15th International Toy Library Conference, Monash, Ruimsig. Register [here](#).

To keep up to date with the latest news impacting the ECD community, follow NECDA on Facebook and Twitter.

 **#ECDnews**

Voice your opinion. Complete the following two surveys commissioned by *The Collaboration of ECD Networks* (BRIDGE, NECDA and SA Congress). Complete these two surveys? The ECD move to DBE survey can be completed [here](#) and the Training landscape survey [here](#).

Play facilitation is both a science and art. Download the White Paper describing play facilitation [here](#).

NECDA@work

- 24 NECDA member organisations successfully reached a total of 16,551 parents with the National Parenting Programme by the end of 2018. Thank you for being part of the first scaled training programme for parents in South Africa!
- NECDA in numbers. Did you submit your information to abigail@ecdalliance.org? Only 39 of the 73 members confirmed that collectively there are 4 210 trainers and mentors, 27,034 practitioner in training, impacting 11,817 ECD sites and reaching 536,696 children.
- The *South African Inter-sectoral Forum for Early Childhood Development* meeting took place on 12 March and was attended by three NECDA Board Members. A call to update membership details was put out by DSD. Due date: 29 March 2019.
- NECDA, Bridge, The South African Congress for ECD and the Community Of Practice (COP) recently formed the *Collaboration of ECD Networks Forum* aimed at forging unity within civil society to lobby and amplify the voice of the ECD sector. The Gauteng ETDP SETA stakeholder engagement took place on 19 March. Our NECDA representative requested a review of the Skills Development Act to include private training providers.
- At the NECDA Board meeting held on 25 and 26 March 2019 key activities per portfolio were identified. The Board is excited about what lies ahead.
- In the next newsletter we will be sharing critical information relating to Social Impact Bonds as a financing mechanism in early childhood development.



NECDA BOARD (left to right): Monica Stach, Ruby Motaung, Rene King, Abigail Crawford (secretariat), Caroll Warmberg, Rex Molefe, Riedewhaan Allie and Puleng Motsoeneng

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"If we change the beginning of the story, we change the whole story." Raffi Cavoukian, *The Beginning of Life*