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## from our **BOARD**



Your membership of the Alliance, as either a training, resource, research organisation or as an individual, unifies and strengthens the ECD sector.

NECDA Board Members represent you in all the key stakeholder forums where we are able to influence and direct conversations, whilst representing the viewpoints and interests of our membership. We did exactly that at the recent South African Inter-sectoral Forum for Early Childhood Development meeting in March, and the dialogues about the migration of ECD from the Department of Social Development to the Department of Basic Education. We wish to thank every NECDA member for their loyal support of NECDA's initiatives such as the Parenting Support Training Programme and the recent Hackathon hosted by the NCF Materials Development Team. At this point there are many uncertainties, but also opportunities in the ECD sector, which we can collectively navigate as an Alliance. NECDA's success lies in its membership being actively involved in shaping our agenda. There truly is strength in unity.

Warm regards

**Monica** (Vice-chairperson)



## **ECDlibrary**

South Africa's first social impact bonds is pioneered by FCW. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Learn more about the link between ECD and the Sustainable Development Goals by watching this [video](#).

Refresh your knowledge about play-based learning by doing an online course. Go to [playsa.org](http://playsa.org)

Visit NECDA's website for more resources

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## **NECDA@work**



**Pam Picken**

This is what *Pam Picken* had to say about the **NECDA Hackathon** attended by 40 Alliance member organisations on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April at ELRU in Cape Town. "I was part of the fantastic NECDA Flourish Hackathon last week, to develop the trainer and practitioner guidelines and activities for the National Curriculum Framework, as part of the DBE/ UNICEF NECDA tender. The Hackathon was extremely well-designed and carefully thought through to ensure there was maximum engagement with varied ECD stakeholders and that it was a stimulating, energising and creative process. It was a wonderfully unifying gathering of the sector. We had lots of fun AND we met the required outcomes. ELRU provided a great venue and fantastic support from their staff. It was also so encouraging that so many ECD RTOs (Resource and Training Organisations) were prepared to share the materials they have developed so generously and freely, so that the majority of South Africa's young children can benefit. In unity there is strength, and I earnestly hope that NECDA will lead the ECD sector to take its rightful place in speaking with a strong unified voice to influence South Africa's policies and programmes for young children. All in all, the NECDA Flourish Hackathon was a real tribute to the passion and commitment of people from the ECD sector who have served our young children and families so faithfully over so many years."



NECDA Flourish Hackathon in action on 9 and 10 April



## **NECDA diary**

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

**6 & 7 June:** NECDA AGM at Mannah Guesthouse

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



## **#ECDnews**

**Dialogues.** ECD sector dialogues are being planned to further consult at national and provincial level about the move of ECD from the Department of Social Development to the Department of Basic Education. Dates will be circulated as soon as they are available.

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

## **FOOD4THOUGHT**

**"Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded."** Jess Lair