



**the
NECDA**

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from our **BOARD**



Dear valued membership

WOW.... And WOW... Hats off to the *National ECD Alliance* for hosting an exceptional, informative, jam packed Annual General Meeting on 6 and 7 June 2019 in Kempton Park.

NECDA has participated in and collaborated with various national forums, including the *ECD Inter-sectoral Forum* chaired by the National Department of Social Development as well as the *NECT dialogues* on the function shift from DSD to DBE. Finally, NECDA's deliberations with the Department of Higher Education on the registration requirements for the non-profit organisations has been fruitful in terms of our understanding and the extended period for registration.

NECDA is pleased to report steady progress is made with the re-alignment and development of learning materials for the newly registered occupational qualification for ECD practitioners at Level 4, which is funded by the *Childwick Trust*.

We were able to produce our draft Audited Financial Statement for the 2019 financial year-end and pleased to report that the NECDA finances are in a healthy state.

Warm greetings

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NECDA, the Do More Foundation and Barrows' partnership to develop and deliver a range of printed resources to the ECD sector is groundbreaking. The partnership aims to provide resources that develop children's cognitive skills. NECDA membership will be able to contribute ideas as well as benefit from the resources that will be produced. We will keep you informed of the next steps.

NECDA hosted its AGM on 6 and 7 June which included presentations of prospective partners and collaborative projects NECDA will be undertaking. The two-day meeting was subscribed with more than 50 NECDA members, guests from the national Department of Social Development, funders, corporate social investment colleagues as well as our partners *Book Dash* and the *Do More Foundation*.

One of the highlights from the AGM and NECDA's activities this past year included the presentation by a few of our partners of their experiences of the **Parent Support Programme** – it is exciting to note that as a collective of 24 organisations, we reached just over 17 000 parents as required by UNICEF / National Department of Social Development. We are extremely proud to have participated in one of the largest parenting support programmes in the history of the country!



Dorette Louw from Book Dash (a NECDA partner) explains how books for young children can be developed and printed for R10 a book.



NECDA Board members with Western Cape and KwaZulu Natal members



NECDA Board members with Isabella Sekawana (DSD) and Pam Picken (DO More Foundation)



NECDA ECD Wazi Maps presentation by (Giuliana Bland (Jim Joel Fund) and William Bird (Media Monitoring Africa)

ECDlibrary

Are you holding a fundraising event that includes a competition, raffle or lottery? You should familiarise yourself with what the *Lotteries Act* requires.

Click [here](#) for a summary by *ngoLAW* on this topic.

NECDA diary

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

18 and 19 September: NECDA Board meeting

20 September: National ECD Inter-Sectoral Committee meeting

#ECDnews

DGMT awarded a grant for **national/provincial consultative workshops** addressing the function shift of ECD from DSD to DBE. This falls under the auspices of the *Collaboration of ECD Networks*, which includes the following national structures *NECDA*, *SA Congress for ECD*, *BRIDGE* and *National ECD Inter-sectoral Forum*.

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"The ability to make wise choices is the most valuable skill a person can develop." Abhishek Ratna