

# Perspectives on Play and Learning

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The Chapel, Ag07, Canterbury Christ Church University

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PROGRAMME		The 8th Froebel Conference offers a broad and cutting-edge professional development opportunity for all who work in education and care, and provides a wonderful forum to meet with colleagues to discuss issues, and share the most up-to-date information about successful practices. This conference deals with the meaning and difference of play through emerging research and practice.
9.30am - 10.00am		Registration, coffee, bookshop and exhibition viewing in the Foyer.
10.00am - 10.15am		<b>Welcoming remarks by Kerry Jordan-Daus (CCCU)</b>
10.15am - 10.30am		<p><b>Panel Discussion. Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Prof Tina Bruce CBE (Honorary Professor, University of Roehampton)</b></p> <p><i>Professor Tina Bruce CBE is a member of the Council of the Froebel Trust, and vice-president of the British Association for Early Education. She has written or edited 29 books, and is perhaps best known for the 'ten principles of early childhood education' first published in 1987 in her book Early Childhood Education, translated into many languages.</i></p>
10.30am - 11.15pm		<p><b>Prof Linden West (Canterbury Christ Church University)</b></p> <p><b>"Just playing" ? Stories from the edge</b></p> <p><i>Prof Linden West has edited various books such as 'Narratives of Continuity and Change', 'Stories that make a difference', 'Psychoanalysis and Education: Minding a Gap' (recently translated into Italian) and 'Embodied Narratives: Connecting stories, bodies, cultures and ecologies'. His writing is translated into Portuguese, Spanish, Polish, French, Chinese, Korean and Italian, and he has taken part in many conferences across the world, including in Brazil, Canada, India, South Korea and the USA.</i></p>
11.15am - 12.00pm		<p><b>Second keynote: Professor Pentti Hakkarainen (University of Oulu, Finland)</b></p> <p><b>Zone of Proximal Development and Play: A Vygotskian approach</b></p> <p><i>Prof Hakkarainen is a noted Vygotskian scholar. His current research is focused on narrative play pedagogy. Pentti led the development of the early childhood education research policy in Finland in 2007/11.</i></p>
12.00 pm - 12.30pm		<b>Panel Discussion. Moderator Prof Tina Bruce</b>
12.30pm - 1.30pm		<b>Lunch</b> Premium Fish, Meat &Vegetarian Sandwich Lunch: 1 Round of assorted deep filled locally handmade sandwiches on a variety of flavoured breads served with a basket of potato chips, and a selection of fruit
1.10pm - 2.10pm		<p><b>Associate Professor Milda Bredikyte (University of Vilnius)</b></p> <p><b>The Dynamics of Pretend Play Development in Early Childhood</b></p> <p><i>Milda founded the Play Research Laboratory in Kajaani, Finland in 2012 and in Vilnius, Lathuania in 2013. Her research interests cover children's play and storytelling.</i></p>
2.30pm – 3.20pm		<b>Workshops and presentations</b> (topics include therapeutic play, storytelling, outdoor play, play and writing)
3.20pm – 3.20pm		Concluding remarks and farewells by the Chair
3.30pm		Coffee, networking <i>Tea, coffee, orange juice and water with a selection of finger size cakes</i>

**Fee: £30**

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