**Professional Development Workshops for 2014**

**Book in early for our remaining workshops**

**May 15th**

**Morning Session**

**You and I**

Do you know what your working style is?

Do you know how you are perceived in the workplace?

The more you are aware of your own traits and working styles the better you can adapt when required. This session looks at examining work styles and looking at how different styles interact.

**Presenter: Kim Thurlow and Lisa Perkins**

**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Duration**: 3 hours

**Price**: $60 per person. per session

(Max: 20 people)

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**Afternoon Session**

**Argy Bargy / Playing Nicely**

Sometimes working with different people is easy and you just click, sometimes it is more challenging. Working in teams can be incredibly rewarding provided you can navigate the different dynamics.

This session examines group theory and what defines a successful team and how to manage conflict.

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**Aug 14th**

**Morning Session**

**Looking in the mirror**

There is a lot of talk about the value of reflective practices? Do you know what this means? Do you know how to truly reflect on both your practices and your programming?

Looking in the mirror gives you practical advice and exercises that will assist in your reflective practices.

This session will take you beyond the stock standard techniques and also demonstrate how to clearly make the leap from reflective practices to improved performance.

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**Critique Mystique**

Conducting staff appraisals that are meaningful and get results can be both daunting and incredibly time consuming.

Critique Mystique will take the mystery out of performance reviews and give you templates and techniques that can assist you conduct staff reviews confidently and competently

Part of this session will also give you the opportunity to practice giving both positive and negative feedback.

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**Recycle, Reuse, Reimagine**  
In the hands of a child, a piece of bumpy foam becomes the surface of the moon, a milk bottle becomes a picnic basket and a bucket filled with plastic bottle tops becomes a snake or a necklace or maybe a mosaic mural. In this workshop we play with ideas, explore materials and discover how recycling and reusing can infiltrate your entire program!

**Presenter:** Michelle Loft

**Date:** Thursday 13 March, 2014

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**Don't Stress the Mess**

Messy play delights the senses. When you’re a child, a bowl of jelly is not just a bowl of jelly; it is a dinosaur land, an alien’s slime and a fairy’s bouncy castle. Early childhood educators don't need to stress about the mess of messy play. This hands-on workshop will explain why mess is vital in an early childhood setting and how to enjoy it!

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