

*Special issue Journal of Early Childhood Research*

## **Arts-based research methodologies in studies with children and families**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Whilst the last fifty years have seen the development of bolder qualitative empirical research in education, approaches in the field of early childhood education have been slower to express these moves. We invite papers for a Special Issue which will report and promote these original and innovative approaches to understanding the field. We are particularly interested in the uses of approaches to research which directly involve children and their families and/or practitioners, and that reflect non-traditional approaches to the creation of data. These can include, but are not limited to: fictional and narrative explorations of reporting drawing on original data; images or other artefacts made by children and/or their parents and practitioners; drama scripts based on original research enquiry. Papers should meet all the usual criteria for publication in the *Journal of Early Childhood Research* and will be subject to the usual submission and peer review systems.



This Special Issue provides an opportunity for international scholars to report on research methodologies which push at the boundaries of developing qualitative research in the field of early childhood education and care. The aim of the Special Issue **Arts-based research methodologies in research with children and families** is to put down a marker in high quality international scholarship in early childhood research which focuses on children's lives and learning.

### **Submission Instructions**

#### **Schedule:**

If you would like to submit a paper please send a 300-word abstract by **1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**, and a cover letter stating why it is a good fit to this SI and with JECR. Please with the message subject: **SI JECR ABSTRACT Arts-based methodologies**

1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017	Submissions of 300 word abstracts
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	Potential authors receive invitation to submit
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	Papers due for submission to review process
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	Authors informed of editorial decision following peer review
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	Final submission of papers
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