



Report for EECERA Special Interest Group: Children from Refugee or Migrant Backgrounds for 2022 and 2023

The SIG aims to critically reflect on the global and political situation in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) relating to research, scientific concepts and practice in every day social, cultural and economic diversity and how they impact children from refugee or migrant backgrounds.

The SIG creates joint opportunities between EECERA members, community organisations and research investigating policies and practices by the EU, EEA, UNESCO, and OECD, as well as in the country policies of each SIG member.

The SIG comparatively and collaboratively researches knowledge developing in theory and practice that promote inclusion for refugee and migrant children in ECEC communities. Furthermore, the SIG seeks to explore, interrogate and advance research, early childhood education and knowledge on the lived Refugee and Migrant experiences.

The SIG adheres to the EECERA ethical code <https://www.eecera.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/EECERA-Ethical-Code.pdf> through membership in democracy, fairness, inclusivity, equity and a strong sense of belonging. Whilst fostering cultural responsiveness and respectful relationships in dialogue, collaborative research and practice to benefit children's families, practitioners and early childhood education and care communities.

SIG membership

SIG website <https://refugee-early-years.org>

87 members on Facebook/ membership

84 followers on LinkedIn

SIG Presentations

IMISCOE conference Warsaw, Poland - July 22

EECERA conference Birmingham, UK – February 23

Scholars at Risk (Denmark) - August 2023

EECERA Conference Lisbon, Portugal. Aug/Sept 23

SEBDA Conference Birmingham, UK. September, 23

ECA Conference Adelaide, Australia October 23



SIG member publications

Popyk., Gabi. J. (2023). Ethnicity and Race in Childhood (Poland)

Community consultations and partnerships

European Commission- service delivery - 2022

Scouts UK- service delivery – 2023

Think Equal- partnership -<https://ukrainetv.thinkequal.org/en/the-kindness-garden/> 2023

Nursery World UK article - <https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/features/article/inclusion-new-toolkit-aims-to-help-early-years-settings-working-with-refugees-across-the-world> 2023

Invited presentation for SIG members

Topic: Challenges for children and families from Syria and their settlement in Turkey-
September 2022

Representative from ASAM- a non-profit humanitarian, and non-governmental organisation supporting refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons in Turkey

<https://sgdd.org.tr/en/>