

2025 Educational Leaders Conference Agenda

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre | The Plenary

Friday 28 March 2025



Time		
8:00am	Registrations open	
9:00am	Welcome Address	Gorgi Coghlan, Master of Ceremonies
9:10am	Welcome to Country	Wurundjeri Aboriginal Elder
9:20am	Ministerial Opening Address	
9:30am	Keynote Presentation 1 Early experiences shape the brain: Why you matter and how you can help children self-regulate	Professor John Spencer, University of East Anglia
10:35am	Morning tea	
11:10am	Keynote Presentation 2 Neurons to Neighbourhoods: What the Brain Tells Us About the Criticality of the Early Years	Professor Deborah Phillips, Georgetown University
12:10pm	Connection activity	
12:25pm	Keynote presenters questions and answers	Professor Deborah Phillips and Professor John Spencer
12:45pm	Joint lunch and networking opportunity with the Maternal Child and Health Conference attendees	
1:55pm	Workshop Leading with Intent: Elevating Language and Literacy Through Intentional Teaching	Kirsty Liljegren Consulting and Dr Karyn Carson, The Soundmill Centre
3:40pm	Closing Address	Bronwen FitzGerald, Deputy Secretary, Early Childhood Education, Department of Education
3:50pm	Afternoon tea and final opportunity to network and explore the exhibition marketplace	
4:30pm	Conference close	

