Local Enabling Group (LEG)
Early Learning for Three Year Olds (EL3)

Everything you need to know about being a LEG member

What is a LEG?

A LEG is a group of interested people who will work together to determine what Early Learning for Three Year Olds (EL3) will look like in their community. The LEG members make sure that local views and ideas are an integral part of the design and service delivery.

What does a LEG do?

The LEG makes sure that the design and service delivery supports the realisation of the goal and fits within the principles.

Goal	**Every 3-year-old will have access to quality and affordable early learning that supports their lifelong learning, wellbeing and growth as confident and capable people**
Principles	(1) Quality, age and developmentally appropriate and play-based
	(2) Delivered by a qualified workforce
	(3) Accessible to all 3-year-olds for up to 15 hours distributed over a week
	(4) Place-based, flexible, innovative and meet local needs
	(5) Children and their wellbeing are central to decision making
	(6) Cost will not be a barrier to participation
	(7) Informed by evidence and research
	(8) Implemented through a co-design approach with families, communities and early learning service providers

The LEG meets regularly in the set up and design phase and then will move to meeting once a month.

Some areas the LEG will work on and make decisions about are:

- Developing a Working Together Agreement
- Coming up with the plan for delivery of EL3 in the local community
- How to involve families and community in the set up and design process

There may be subgroups of the LEG to investigate areas that need more in depth thinking. The subgroup will report back to the LEG with recommendations to help make decisions.

Each LEG meeting will have an agenda with attendance and actions noted.

Each LEG will take time in the first meeting to come up with a Working Together Agreement.

Making decisions at the LEG

- Decisions are made at the LEG through consensus where possible or a majority vote where consensus is not able to be reached.
- It's important that parents/carers, community members and workers have equal say in decision making.

- There may be times when decisions from the LEG need to be discussed further with the DECYP Project team. In this case, any decisions made will be reported back to the LEG.

Who can join a LEG?

People from the community who want to provide input into the delivery model of EL3, to share their ideas, listen to others and ultimately make things better for the young children and their families in their community.

It's good to have a mix of people from:

- local families with young children
- community members who are keen to make a difference, and
- people who deliver services to families with young children - for example Education and Care services, local early years services, people from the local school(s)

LEG membership is ideally 50% families and communities, and 50% services (government and non-government)

How many people are on a LEG?

- This is different for each community. Some have 10 and others might have more.
- Sometimes guests are invited to share their ideas and experiences.
- DECYP will facilitate the LEG meetings.

What will my role be?

- Being part of the LEG means:
    - going to a 90 – 120 minute meeting every 3 weeks (to begin with, monthly following set-up)
    - sharing your ideas and views
    - listening and working with others
    - creating awareness and sharing the vision and goals of EL3 with the local community
    - having the opportunity to become a co-chair of the meetings
    - having opportunities to attend learning and development sessions

Will I be supported to attend the meetings?

Help getting there?

- Let us know if you need support getting to the meetings
- If needed we can support people to attend via TEAMS (online platform)

Can I bring my children?

- Let us know before so we can organise adjunct care at each meeting. If you have school aged children and they are sick then please join online from home, if you can.

How will we work together?

Each meeting will be facilitated by DECYP. At the first meeting we will spend time developing a Working Together Agreement to make sure everyone feels comfortable and able to speak up and share their ideas. Everyone will have a say on what this agreement will look like and it will be used as a guide for how the group meets, behaves and works together respectfully to achieve the goal within their community.