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Early Learning for Three Year Olds

Communique #11

EL3 Advisory Group

The EL3 Advisory Group met on 3 October 2024 and received an update on the EL3 Trial Sites, EL3 Research and Development Project and discussed the recently released Productivity Commission final report on Early Childhood Education and Care.

The next EL3 Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for 20 November 2024.

Productivity Commission Final Inquiry Report released

The Productivity Commission's final report, *A path to universal early childhood education and care,* was released on 18 September 2024.

This inquiry report outlines what a universal ECEC system would look like, and the significant reforms necessary to achieve it. These reforms tackle issues that affect ECEC availability, inclusion, affordability, quality and equity. The report's recommendations aim to remove barriers to ECEC access and support better outcomes for children and families.

The EL3 Advisory Group discussed implications from the report on the EL3 initiative, including considerations on future funding models, workforce, rural and remote supports, a potential ECEC Commission, and how they may improve access for more children.

To access the report, visit the Australian Government Productivity Commission webpage: https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/childhood#report

ECEC Roundtable – Date to be confirmed

The next ECEC Roundtable is planned for late November and/or early December, however the date will be dependent on the finalisation of the reports relating to Research and Development Project.

The date will be communicated when details have been confirmed.

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Trial Site Service – Request for Tender

Early Learning for Three Year Olds (EL3) Trial - East Devonport

The Tender Process for the EL3 Trial - East Devonport, is now advertised on the Tasmanian Government Tenders Page

Important Dates:

- Tender advertised and open for submissions - **Saturday 12 October 2024.**
- Pre-tender briefing session via Teams - **Wednesday 16 October 2024, 2:30-3:00pm**.
    - CLICK HERE to RSVP for Online Link
- Tender closed for submissions - **Wednesday 30 October 2024.**

LEG Meetings and Learning Together Opportunities

Local Enabling Group (LEG) meetings have continued across the trial sites with LEG members and communities requesting opportunities to learn about key topics to assist EL3 in their communities.

Ideas for Learning Together Opportunities from LEGs have included sessions on Aboriginal Cultural Understanding, Diversity and Inclusion, Importance of Play, Child Development, Workforce Information Sessions, Understanding the NQS, Early Literacy, B4 Storytellers, Advocacy and Empowerment, Child Safety, Working in Partnership with Others, and understanding the Family Partnership Model.

Some LEGs have started their Learning Together Opportunities by exploring Aboriginal Cultural Understanding in the Tasmanian context. These sessions gave participants the opportunity to learn about Tasmanian Aboriginal history, understand how being inclusive in the early years helps all children and families, and discuss practical ways of being respectful in their everyday life.

Enabling workforce has been a focus at some LEGs, with some opting to form subgroups to work out a community-led plan to strengthen ECEC workforce within their region.

Have a question or comment?

Further information including previous Communiques can be found at: https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/about-us/community-and-engagement/early-learning-for-three-year-olds/

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