



***Engage Empower Enact: Sustainability and
the Early Years
22-24 October, 2009
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia***

Environmental Education in Early Childhood Vic Inc (EEEC) will host the third Australasian Early Childhood Education for Sustainability conference at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre in Melbourne from 22nd to 24th October 2009. This follows the highly successful conferences held in Christchurch, New Zealand in 2006 and Sydney, Australia in 2007.

The conference entitled '*Engage Empower Enact: Sustainability and the Early Years*', will attract over 200 participants from early childhood services, universities, TAFE institutes, local government and other agencies to take part in lectures, forums and workshops. Keynote speakers will challenge current practice, while breakout sessions and workshops will be structured to encourage discussion and debate so that all participants can reflect on their own work and consider how they can engage, empower and enact with respect to education for sustainability in the early childhood sector. Also, social gatherings, sustainable product stalls and field trips are included in the two and a half-day event.

The conference planning is well underway and further details will be available early in 2009. In the meantime place the dates in your diary and consider how you might contribute to the conference, possibly a workshop presentation, join the volunteer Conference Organising Group, suggest creative ideas to support the conference theme, offer sponsorship or simply be there to demonstrate your engagement with education for sustainability. The Conference Organising Group welcomes all contributions.

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