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Connecting the Pacific with Asia: Weaving links across the ocean

OMEP Aotearoa New Zealand is one of 72 countries belonging to World OMEP. Making a commitment to early childhood care and education at a global level, beyond New Zealand’s shores, is an essential part of OMEP Aotearoa’s work as an NGO. One of OMEP Aotearoa’s aims and objectives is to foster international contact, communication and meetings of early childhood educators.

The Asia-Pacific area that lies at Aotearoa New Zealand’s door seems close and, for those who live in the more multicultural parts of Aotearoa, reasonably familiar. However, when one examines underlying social, economic, political and ethical issues it becomes apparent that, in the field of early childhood care and education, we must spend more time reflecting on how these issues intersect with what is actually happening for children in 2015. We need to take stock of our knowledge, our understandings, our perceptions, our assumptions and our commitments regarding ECCE within the Asia-Pacific region.

We must ask ourselves: What do the terms ‘Asia’ and ‘Pacific’ mean in relation to ECCE in Aotearoa? What is the nature of our relationships with the ECCE communities in both Asia and the Pacific? What are our perceptions of ECCE in the Pacific Island and Asian communities in Aotearoa, viz a viz ECCE in the off-shore ‘Pacific islands’ and ‘Asia’? How can we address the issues that have arisen as a direct consequence of being a British colony? Do we really understand Aotearoa New Zealand’s colonized past and how our history has, over the years, played itself out for young children growing up in New Zealand today? How can OMEP Aotearoa best respond to these questions in 2015?

Diti Hill
(President)

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