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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Special issue on Continuing Professional Development

The editors invite authors to contribute to a special issue with the following research focus:

*Continuing professional development and the early years workforce*

Despite the policy rhetoric of 'lifelong learning' and 'learning across the lifespan', and despite a general acceptance of the need for continuing professional development (CPD) in the light of rapid changes in the social context of early childhood education and care, few studies have looked critically at the opportunities open to early years practitioners in this respect. How is CPD defined and debated by various stakeholders in the ECEC system? Do all members of the early years workforce have similar entitlements and access to CPD? How can CPD support practitioners in ongoing and centre-based reflective practices? Does participation contribute to career advancement? What is the balance between political and reform-driven, practice-driven and profession-driven topics? What kinds of CPD are particularly effective and supportive? These are just some of the issues that may help to illuminate different understandings, discourses, policy approaches, opportunities for participation and practitioner perspectives.

We welcome papers with a research focus on CPD issues, procedures and processes, contextualising these within current policy frameworks and goals. Each article should be around 5000 words in length. It is planned to include these papers in the July 2013 issue of the journal. The submission date for papers is **15<sup>th</sup> September 2012**. All submissions are peer reviewed.

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