Dear colleagues,

We are excited to invite you to our next international online conference, where we have the pleasure to present the **STAND UP Network** and its brand new Website!

We will also have the privilege of enjoying a discussion with the great pedagogue and founding member of our network, **Louise Derman - Sparks**!

International Network for Equity & Social Justice in ECEC

We are international colleagues who know each other from our work in the European network DECET, which came to an end in 2020. We came together in 2021 with the idea of setting up a new international network about equity and social justice in Early Childhood Education and Care. Our first online conference in 2021 confirmed a desire from participants for an international network. This encouraged us to facilitate five international conferences so far. Over fifty participants from 8 counties engaged in critical thinking and knowledge exchange at each conference about various issues in Anti-Bias Education in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2024 **STAND UP: International Network for Equity & Social Justice in Early Childhood Education & Care** was born and the new website is finally ready!

Conference Program May 26th, 2025 & LOGISTICS

Target groups: Educators/pedagogues, coaches and trainers, managers in all aspects of Early Childhood Education and Care, with experience implementing Anti-bias approaches with young children, families and communities.

Online-event: The conference is an online-event via Zoom. Participants will receive their login details after their registration.

Costs: The conference is free of charge.

Date: **Monday 26 May 2025**

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm (Berlin time)

Program:

1. Welcome and introduction by Petra Wagner.
2. Conversation with Louise Derman-Sparks and interaction with audience, moderated by Colette Murray.
3. Presentation of the STAND UP Network and its Website by Petra Wagner, Ana del Barrio Saiz and Kyriaki Kolliniati.
4. End of the conference: Conclusions & thank you! By Mathias Urban.

Language: The primary language of the conference will be English.

Registration: Please register by **May 11th, 2025. For your registration use this link:**

https://forms.gle/XEfffiyZExHezZi79

After registration you will receive a confirmation. The zoom link will be sent to you shortly before the conference. For questions, please contact Kyriaki Kolliniati: kyriaki_kollin@hotmail.com

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

The conference organizers include ECEC equity/social justice/anti-bias education professionals, advocates and activists working in several countries, including:

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Anastasia Chatzistefanou-Vafea: Director of “Schedia” (Raft) - Center for Artistic and Pedagogical Training, Athens/ Greece
www.schedia-art.gr

Dalvir Gill:	Senior Lecturer, UCL (Institute of Education), London/ UK
Kyriaki Kolliniati:	Coordinator of the International Network, school social worker, social worker at "Schedia" (Raft) - Center for Artistic and Pedagogical Training, Athens/ Greece
Colette Murray:	Lecturer Technological University Dublin/ Ireland Equality and Diversity Early Childhood National Network www.edenn.ie
Mathias Urban:	Professor of Early Childhood Education and Director, Early Childhood Research Centre, Dublin City University, Dublin/ Ireland
Petra Wagner:	Trainer at Kinderwelten, Berlin/ Germany www.kinderwelten.net

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