

HOW DID WE COME ABOUT?

Overview

The SARAECE association was established in 2011, by academics from the respective higher education institutions (HEI's) in South Africa. The association identified a need for a body with a specific focus on the initial years of childhood development and education, as a response to the National Education Department's White paper 5, Early Childhood Education (2001). Early Childhood Development (ECD) ranges from the ages of 0-9 years whilst Early Childhood Care and Education spans the 0-4 age group.

SARAECE was the pioneer in establishing a research journal with the intention of foregrounding ECD in South Africa.

ECCE is housed within the Department of Social Development (DSD); Department of Basic Education (DoE) and Department of Health (DoH). With the infusion of three departments in a relatively new sector in South Africa including the Non-profit organisations (NPO) and Non-Government organisations (NGO), SARAECE was established to address the "gap" in ECD, ECCE and ECE research.

SARAECE Achievements

- SARAECE has a journal, South African Journal of Childhood Education (SAJCE) which was founded in 2011.
- Regional and National conferences.
- Doctoral supervision training for emerging supervisors.
- Writer's seminar to support emerging academics.
- A database of research in the field of ECCE and ECD.

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BENEFITS OF SARAECE MEMBERSHIP

- Networking with regional, national and international academics working in ECCE & ECD.
- Full access to the SARAECE website: www.saraece.org.za
- Capacity building and support for teaching in the ECCE & ECD field.
- Reduced registration fees for select SARAECE conferences.
- Voting rights at the annual general meeting.
- Your 'voice' incorporated in the ECCE & ECD field.

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AIMS OF SARAEECE

- To professionalise the sector.
- To provide an academic and practice based forum in South Africa for the development and dissemination of research and practice based in Early Childhood Development (ECD) & Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).
- Facilitate cooperation and collaboration among ECD & ECCE researchers and practice based nationally and internationally.
- Promote links between research, practice and policy in ECD & ECCE.
- Raise the visibility and status of research and practice based in ECD & ECCE.
- Provide a valuable resource through the ECD & ECCE database which is situated on our website.

WHO IS SARAEECE?

SARAEECE is a research association that promotes research and research development in the field of early childhood education (ECE), including teacher education and development for ECE.

WHAT ROLE DOES SARAEECE PLAY?

SARAEECE is a research association with three focus areas, namely, research development, reporting and analysis. Research is aimed at providing improved teacher education in HEI's as well as providing mentorship, support and guidance to teachers and practitioners in the field of ECE. SARAEECE has built capacity in establishing relationships with NPO's and NGO's as well as other associated interest groups in the discipline who currently contribute substantively to the aims and benefits of the SARAEECE.

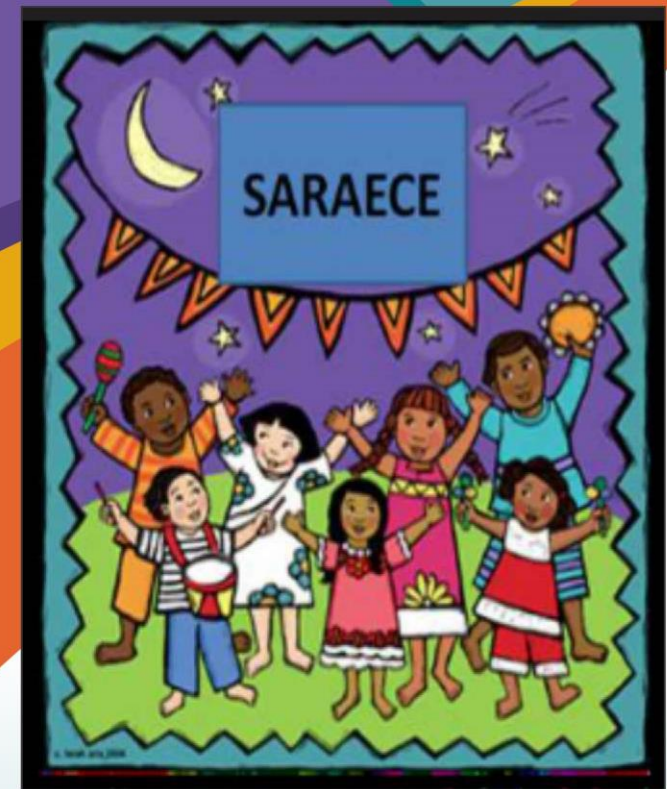
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