

EARLI SIG5 Conference 2026

First Call for Abstracts



Dear colleague,

We warmly invite you to the EARLI SIG 5 Conference on **August 19–21, 2026 in Jyväskylä, Finland.**

Along with the focus of the SIG5 - Learning and development in early childhood, the aim of the conference is to provide a platform for international collaboration and exchange of ideas, as well as rigorous and evidence-based discussion of early childhood research, relevant to the age group from birth to 8 years of age. The theme of the conference is ***Creating a hopeful future for every child.***

Our confirmed keynote speakers are Professor **Amanda P. Williford** (University of Virginia, United States), Associate professor **Jantine Spilt** (KU Leuven, Belgium) and Professor **Marja-Kristiina Lerkkanen** (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)!

In addition to three exiting keynotes, interactive features, such as expert panel discussion and workshops are incorporated in the programme to increase the number of opportunities for dissemination and networking.

Call for Abstracts

Abstract submission is now open! **Symposia, individual papers** and **posters** relevant to the conference theme are warmly invited.

- Visit the conference [website](#) to find out more about the conference and submit your abstract by **February 8th, 2026**.
- All proposals must be in English and submitted electronically through the [submission system](#). Submissions sent via email will not be taken into consideration.

Please feel free to distribute the call to your relevant networks and amongst your colleagues. We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference!

On behalf of the local organizing committee,

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You can now also follow the updates and events of the *SIG5 - Learning and development in early childhood* in LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/16876013/>

